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Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1982

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industry,  
the Hon. Peter Nixon, M.P.)

## OUTLINE

### Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1982

The principal purpose of the Bill is to increase the maximum rates of slaughter levy that may be prescribed to finance the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC) and the National Cattle Disease Eradication program.

The current maxima preclude fixing of levy rates which would provide sufficient funds to maintain AMLC activities at levels commensurate with its powers and industry expectations, and to cover industry contributions to the Disease Eradication program.

Provision is also made in the Bill to amend references to the Meat and Live-stock Exporters and Abattoir Operators Consultative Group in line with the altered name of the Group and the establishment of the Live-stock Exporters Consultative Group.

## Explanation

### Clause 1 - Short Title

Formal

### Clause 2 - Commencement

Date of commencement of the Act is the day it receives Royal Assent.

### Clause 3 - Interpretation

Amends the definition of the body previously known as "Exporter and Abattoir Consultative Group" to reflect a change in its title consequent upon the establishment of the Livestock Exporters Consultative Group.

### Clause 4 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Cattle

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for cattle disease eradication from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head.  
Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC) component from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per head.

### Clause 5 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Sheep

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 6 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Lambs

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 7 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Buffaloes

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for disease eradication from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head.  
Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head.

### Clause 8 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Goats

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 9 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Calves

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for cattle disease eradication from \$1.00 to \$1.67 per head.  
Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 52.5 cents to \$1.05 per head.

Clause 10 - Rate of Levy on Slaughter of Bobby Calves

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for cattle disease eradication from 30 cents to 50 cents per head. Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

Clause 11 - Regulations

Amends a reference to the Exporter and Abattoir Consultative Group following the alteration of the title of this body.