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LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for
Primary Industry, the Hon John Kerin, MP)

OUTLINE

The purpose of the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1985 is to amend the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964 so as to:

- (1) remove reference to the Australian Meat Research Committee and substitute in its place reference to the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation (AMLRDC)
- (2) alter the process by which the industry is consulted prior to making recommendations to the Minister for varying the rate of slaughter levy
- (3) increase the prescribed maximum rates for
 - . the components of the slaughter levy which raise funds to finance research and development
 - . and the total of the components which raise funds to finance research and development and finance the operations of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation
- (4) remove reference to the components of the slaughter levy which raise funds to finance Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) meat processing industry research.

Under the proposed amendments, the consultative process for levy changes is to operate through the AMLRDC's annual general meeting. Any proposal of the AMLRDC to make a recommendation to the Minister for varying the rate of slaughter levy must first be put before an annual general meeting. An interim consultative arrangement is included to permit the AMLRDC to make a recommendation to vary the rate of slaughter levy pending the first annual general meeting after consultation with specified industry organisations.

The proposed amendments will have no impact on Government expenditure or revenue.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title, &c.

- 1 Specifies mode of citation and identifies the Principal Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

2. The provisions of the Bill, other than sub-clause 11(2), will come into effect on a date fixed by Proclamation for the commencement of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985.
3. Sub-clause 11(2) will be brought into effect by Proclamation on a later date when the first annual general meeting of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation is held.

Clause 3: Interpretation

4. This clause inserts the definition of the "Research and Development Corporation".

Clause 4: Rate of levy on slaughter of cattle

5. Paragraph (a) makes a consequential amendment following omission of paragraph 6(1)(c) of the Principal Act.
6. Paragraph (b) omits paragraph 6(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of cattle to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research
7. Paragraphs (c) and (d) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of cattle for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 50 cents/head to \$1.08/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from \$3.00/head to \$6.00/head.

Clause 5: Rate of levy on slaughter of sheep

8. Paragraph (a) omits paragraph 6A(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of sheep to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
9. Paragraphs (b) and (c) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of sheep for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 14 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 6: Rate of levy on slaughter of lambs

10. Paragraph (a) omits paragraph 6B(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of lambs to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
11. Paragraphs (b) and (c) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of lambs for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 14 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 67 cents/head.

Clause 7: Rate of levy on slaughter of buffaloes

12. Paragraph (a) makes a consequential amendment following omission of paragraph 6C(1)(c) of the Principal Act.
13. Paragraph (b) omits paragraph 6C(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of buffaloes to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
14. Paragraphs (c) and (d) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of buffaloes for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 50 cents/head to \$1.08/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from \$3.00/head to \$6.00/head.

Clause 8: Rate of levy on slaughter of goats

15. Paragraph (a) omits paragraph 6D(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of goats to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
16. Paragraphs (b) and (c) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of goats for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 14 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 9: Rate of levy on slaughter of calves

17. Paragraph (a) makes a consequential amendment following omission of paragraph 6E(1)(c) of the Principal Act.
18. Paragraph (b) omits paragraph 6E(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of calves to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
19. Paragraphs (c) and (d) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of calves for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 17.5 cents/head to 38 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from \$1.05/head to \$2.10/head.

Clause 10: Rate of levy on slaughter of bobby calves

20. Paragraph (a) makes a consequential amendment following omission of paragraph 6F(1)(c) of the Principal Act.
21. Paragraph (b) omits paragraph 6F(1)(c) of the Principal Act which imposed that part of the levy which raised funds from the slaughter of bobby calves to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research.
22. Paragraphs (c) and (d) increase the maximum rates leviable on the slaughter of bobby calves for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 5 cents/head to 11 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 11: Regulations

23. This clause amends Section 8 of the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964 (the "Principal Act").
24. Paragraph 11(1)(a) omits from sub-section 8(2A) of the Principal Act reference to the "Australian Meat Research Committee", and substitutes the "Research and Development Corporation". This consequential amendment is necessary because the Australian Meat Research Committee will be abolished on the enactment of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 1985 and replaced by the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation.

25. Paragraph 11(1)(b) removes from sub-section 8(4) of the Principal Act references to the provisions to impose a specific component of the levy to raise funds to finance CSIRO meat processing industry research which is to be merged with the general research component, and omits "Australian Meat Research Committee" and substitutes "Research and Development Corporation".
26. On proclamation, sub-clause 11(2) will introduce the arrangements whereby any proposal of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation to make a recommendation to the Minister for varying the rate of slaughter levy must first be put before the annual general meeting of industry for endorsement and have not been defeated. In making a recommendation to the Minister the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation will be required to inform the Minister of the voting of the annual general meeting on the proposal to change the rate of levy.
27. Until sub-clause 11(2) is proclaimed, the existing consultative arrangements, as amended by sub-clause 11(1), will continue to apply.

Clause 12: Transitional

28. This transitional provision ensures that regulations made under the Principal Act to raise funds for CSIRO meat processing industry research continue in force after this clause comes into operation until the levies imposed to raise funds for research are next amended by regulation. Funds so raised will be available to the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation.

