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PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT (AAHC) BILL 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy,
The Hon John Anderson MP)



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GENERAL OUTLINE

1. The purpose of this Bill is to allow for amounts raised under *Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971* to be paid to the Australian Animal Health Council. It sets a maximum levy rate of 50 cents per head of pigs slaughtered.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

2. Payments to the Australian Animal Health Council Limited will be drawn from the levy arrangements established by the Bill and have no impact on the Commonwealth Budget.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES**Clause 1 - Short Title**

3. This clause provides for the Act to be called the *Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment(AAHC) Act 1996*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

4. This clause provides for the Act to come into effect on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Schedules

5. This clause provides that the Act referred to in the schedule is amended as set out in the Schedule and the other items in the Schedule have effect according to their terms.

SCHEDULE 1-Amendment of the Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971**Item 1: Subsection 4(1)**

6. This subsection explains that AAHC means the Australian Animal Health Council Ltd.

Item 2: Paragraph 6(1)(c)

7. This proposed amendment repeals the previous paragraph 6(1)(b) and provides for a maximum rate of levy of 50 cents per head for payment to the AAHC.

Item 3: Subsections 7(4) and (5)

8. These subsections repeal the previous subsections and state that the Governor-General must take into account any recommendation made by the body specified in the declaration. The amount set by the regulations must not exceed the amount recommended to the Minister. There is also an allowance for the Minister to declare a body, by a notice in the Gazette, as the body to represent the Australian pig slaughter industry.
9. It also allows the Minister to declare a body by a notice in the Gazette as the body to represent the pig industry.

