THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY (NO 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1989

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, the Hon John Kerin MP)

THIS MEMORANDUM TAKES ACCOUNT OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BILL AS INTRODUCED

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OUTLINE

 The purpose of this Bill, which is complementary to the Exotic Animal Disease Control Bill 1989, is to amend the Dairy Produce Levy (No 1) Act 1986 to provide for the dairy industry's contribution to the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Trust Account.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

2. The additional levy collection costs incurred by the Commonwealth will be fully recouped from industry contributions to the Trust Account.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title

 Provides mode of citation of Act and reference to the "Principal Act".

Clause 2: Commencement

4. Ensures that liability for payment of the exotic disease levy commences on the first day of a month, and at least one month after the commencement of the Exotic Animal Disease Control Act.

Clause 3: Interpretation

Provides for separate identification of the exotic disease and research components of the dairy product levy.

Clause 4: Imposition of Levies

 Provides that the exotic disease levy is imposed only on the milk fat content of relevant dairy produce that is sold before 1 July 1995.

Clause 5: Rate of Levy

 Sets a minimum of 0.066 cents which may be prescribed for the operative rate of exotic disease levy.

Clause 6: Regulations

 Prescribes arrangements to apply to the Governor-General's power to make regulations determining the operative rate of exotic disease levy.