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Dairying Research Amendment Bill 1981

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

<u>NO. OF CLAUSE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
1.	Citation.
2.	Amendment of definitions.
3.	Amendment of provisions for moneys to be paid into the Dairying Research Trust Account; the intent of the Principal Act is unchanged.
4.	Substitutes the word "remuneration" for "fees" in the application of Research Account moneys.
5.	The name of the Dairying Research Committee is changed to Australian Dairy Research Committee.
6.	Amends the constitution of the Research Committee to provide for four members to represent the dairy farmers of Australia and for members (other than the Chairman) to be appointed by the Minister for a period not exceeding three years.
7.	Amends provisions for removal etc of members and deputies of the Research Committee.
8.	Provides for disclosure of interest by members and deputies of the Research Committee.
9.	Repeals section 14 of the Act and substitutes new section providing for the Remuneration Tribunal to determine remuneration payable to members and deputies of the Research Committee.
10.	Enables the Minister to approve payments to advisers to the Research Committee.
11.	Consequential amendment of the Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act 1972 to reflect the change of name set out in Clause 5.
12.	Transitional provisions in respect of the renamed Research Committee and its members.

## OUTLINE

Amendments proposed to be made to the Dairying Research Act 1972 are designed to bring the dairy research legislation into line with changing circumstances and current practice in rural industry research legislation.

The major changes being made are:

- . the Dairying Research Committee to be renamed the Australian Dairy Research Committee to give that body national identity in international research circles
- . to enable casual vacancies on the Research Committee to be filled for the balance of the term of the member being replaced, the present mandatory three year term of appointment will be changed to a term not exceeding three years
- . the four producer members of the Research Committee to represent all dairy farmers rather than three to represent producers of manufacturing milk and one to represent liquid milk producers as at present. This distinction is no longer appropriate to the circumstances of the dairy industry.

Other formal amendments will bring the Act into conformity with similar recent legislation.

