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LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1987

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

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OUTLINE

1. The Live-stock Slaughter Levy consists of three components which raise funds to finance the activities of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC), the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation (AMLRDC), and, in the case of cattle, calves, bobby calves and buffaloes, cattle disease eradication.
2. Maximum rates are set in the legislation for the disease eradication component, the AMLRDC component, and the total of the AMLC and AMLRDC components. Only the last of these maximum rates will be changed, and the effect of the amendments will, therefore, be to increase the limit on operative rates which may be set in future for AMLC purposes.
3. The individual operative rates of levy for each species are set by Regulation. The slaughter levy rates for the AMLC and the AMLRDC can be varied only after the Minister has received recommendations from the relevant body, that is either the AMLC or the AMLRDC. Neither the AMLC nor the AMLRDC is permitted to recommend a change to the operative rates of slaughter levy without having first had a motion endorsing the changes passed at their respective Annual General Meetings.
4. The proposed increases in the maximum levy rates for the total of the AMLC and AMLRDC components are as follows

Cattle	-	from \$6.00 to \$18.00
Sheep	-	from 60¢ to \$1.50
Lambs	-	from 60¢ to \$1.50
Buffalo	-	from \$6.00 to \$18.00
Goats	-	from 60¢ to \$1.00
Calves	-	from \$2.10 to \$6.30
Bobby Calves		from 60¢ to \$1.80
5. The proposed increases will enable the AMLC to seek increased levies to expand its domestic and overseas promotion activities and to finance industry supported programmes relating to the testing and trace back of meat for chemical residues and the repurchase of certain meat which may contain such residues.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The proposed increases will have no effect on the current operative rates of the livestock slaughter levy, nor will they have any impact on Commonwealth income or expenditure.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title etc

7. Provides that the short title is the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Act 1987 and establishes the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964 as the Principal Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

8. The Act is to come into operation on the Date of Royal assent

Clause 3: Rate of levy on slaughter of cattle

9. Increases the maximum levy rate on cattle to \$18.00 per head

Clause 4: Rate of levy on slaughter of sheep

10. Increases the maximum levy rate on sheep to \$1.50 per head

Clause 5: Rate of levy on slaughter of lambs

11. Increases the maximum levy rate on lambs to \$1.50 per head

Clause 6: Rate of levy on slaughter of buffaloes

12. Increases the maximum levy rate on buffaloes to \$18.00 per head

Clause 7: Rate of levy on slaughter of goats

13. Increases the maximum levy rate on goats to \$1.00 per head

Clause 8: Rate of levy on slaughter of calves

14. Increases the maximum levy rate on calves to \$6.30 per head

Clause 9: Rate of levy on slaughter of bobby calves

15. Increases the maximum levy rate on bobby calves to \$1.80 per head