

## MEAT INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990

NEW SOUTH WALES



### EXPLANATORY NOTE

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

The object of this Bill is to amend the Meat Industry Act 1978 to increase the meat industry levy payable by an occupier of land liable to pay an animal health rate under the Rural Lands Protection Act 1989.

At present, the levy is \$5 plus 0.85 cents for each stock unit equivalent of carrying capacity of the land with a maximum amount payable of \$60. The increased levy will be \$5 plus 0.9 cents for each stock unit equivalent of carrying capacity of the land with a maximum amount payable of \$100. The Bill includes an amendment to allow that maximum amount to be varied by regulation.

The Bill also repeals a clause of the Meat Industry Levy Regulation 1985 that prescribes the current meat industry levy rate of 0.85 cents and repeals by way of statute law revision provisions of the Meat Industry Act 1978, relating to central killing areas, which have no practical utility.

---

**Clause 1** specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on 1 January 1991.

**Clause 3** gives effect to the Schedules of amendments.

**Clause 4** repeals clause 3A of the Meat Industry Levy Regulation 1985 which prescribes 0.85 cents as the rate payable for each stock unit equivalent of carrying capacity of land.

---

*Meat Industry (Amendment) 1990*

---

**SCHEDULE 1 - AMENDMENTS RELATING TO MEAT INDUSTRY LEVY**

Schedule 1 amends section 59A to increase the meat industry levy.

The amended section will read (in part) as follows:

**Meat industry levy**

59A. (1) In respect of a year commencing on 1 January, a meat industry levy shall be payable to the Authority by every occupier of land liable to pay an animal health rate in respect of that year under the [*Pastures Protection Act 1934*] **Rural Lands Protection Act 1989**.

(2) The amount of the levy payable by an occupier under subsection (1) is:

- (a) the sum of S5 together with an amount calculated at the rate of [*0.8 cents*] **0.9 cents** (or such other rate as may be prescribed) for each stock unit equivalent of carrying capacity of the land, as assessed under the [*Pastures Protection Act 1934*] **Rural Lands Protection Act 1989**, in respect of which the animal health rate is payable; or

(b) [*\$60*] **\$100 (or such other amount as may be prescribed)**,

whichever is the lesser amount.

(3) .....

(4) .....

(5) Where an occupier of land within the same or different districts within the meaning of the [*Pastures Protection Act 1934*] **Rural Lands Protection Act 1989** pays to the Authority or its agents meat industry levies in respect of different parcels of land the total of which exceed [*\$60*] **\$100 or, if an amount is prescribed for the purposes of subsection (2) (b), that amount**, the Authority or its agent shall, on the application of the occupier, refund to the occupier the amount [*paid in excess of \$60*] **of the excess**.

Matter to be omitted is shown in italics and matter to be inserted is shown in bold type.

**SCHEDULE 2 - AMENDMENTS RELATING TO CENTRAL KILLING AREAS**

**Schedule 2 (3)** repeals section 70 (central killing areas) which is no longer of practical utility. Section 70 at present enables the Minister, on the recommendation of the Meat Industry Authority, to declare an area to be a central killing area.

**Schedule 2 (1), (2) and (4)** make consequential amendments.

---