Wine Grape Levy Amendment Bill 1989

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House: House of Representatives
Portfolio: Primary Industries and Energy

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To revise the levy arrangements for funding the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation by introducing a sliding scale of rates and lower the annual tonnage of fresh grapes, or fresh grape equivalent, used in the manufacture of wine above which the levy becomes payable.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill 1989.

Main Provisions
The Bill will operate from 1 January 1990 (clause 2).

The rate of levy for the marketing and research components of the wine grape levy will be set by clause 4. The rate of the marketing component of the levy will be set at:

- $200 plus
- $4.40, or a prescribed amount up to $8.80, per tonne for the first 5000 tonnes;
- $1.30, or a prescribed amount up to $2.60, per tonne for the next 5000 tonnes;
- $0.60, or a prescribed amount up to $1.20, per tonne for the next 10,000 tonnes;
- $0.40, or a prescribed amount up to $0.80, per tonne for all tonnes in excess of 40,000.

The rate of the research component of the levy will be set at $1.50 per tonne, or a prescribed amount up to $2.00.

Clause 5 will lower from 20 to 10 tonnes the annual amount of fresh grape, or grape equivalent, used in the manufacture of wine, above which the levy becomes payable.