Honey Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1988

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

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Purpose
To increase the maximum rate of levy that may be imposed and to require the Australian Honey Board (the Board) to consult with the producers' and packers' organisations before making a recommendation as to the effective rate of levy.

Background
Under the Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962 (the Principal Act), the Board recommends to the Minister the effective rate of the honey levy. The effective rate may be increased up to the maximum rate specified in the Principal Act, currently 2.2 cents per kilogram. The maximum rate has not changed since 1962.

The Principal Act imposes a levy on honey produced in Australia and sold, while the Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962 imposes a levy on honey produced in Australia and used in the production of other goods.

Also refer to the Digest for the Honey Marketing Board Bill 1988.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will amend section 3A of the Principal Act to insert some new definitions. 'Producers' organisation' is defined to be the Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Associations or such other body as prescribed. Similarly, 'packers' organisation' will be the Honey Packers Association of Australia or such other body as prescribed.

The maximum rate of levy will be increased from 2.2 cents per kilogram to 5 cents by clause 4 which will amend section 5 of the Principal Act. The clause will also insert a new sub-section 5(2A) into the Principal Act which will require the Board to consult with the producers' and packers' organisations, and have the agreement of the producers organisation, before making a recommendation to the Minister as to the operative rate.
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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