Honey Levy (No. 2) 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 applied 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
This Bill performs the same function in respect of the Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962 (the Principal Act) as the Honey Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1988 performs in respect of the Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962.

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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