FISHERIES LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

Date Introduced: 17 April 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Purpose

To impose a levy on the renewal or variation of licences and the allocation of fishing rights under a management plan.

Background

See Bills Digest for the Fishing Legislation Amendment Bill 1985.

A levy is currently payable for the granting or extension of a licence issued under the Fisheries Act 1952 (the Principal Act). A licence issued under the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984 is subject to a levy on the granting, renewal or the making of an entry on the licence. Funds raised through the levy are used to contribute to the cost of fisheries management programs and related research. Local licence fees are estimated to yield $300,000 in the 1984/85 financial year.

Main Provisions

The Bill will come into operation on the same day as the Fishing Legislation Amendment Bill 1985 (clause 2).

The power to impose levies is widened by an amendment to section 5 of the Principal Act (clause 7). A levy may now be imposed on the renewal or variation of a licence issued under the Fisheries Act 1952, on the variation of a licence under the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984 and on the allocation or renewal of allocation of fishing rights under management plans.
Clauses 8, 9 and 10 amend the provisions of the Principal Act concerned with the amount of levy, the payment of levy and the making of regulations to include the new levies and management plans.

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