LIVE- STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1984

Date Introduced: 10 May 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964 to validate past payments to the Northern Territory from the National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account, and to provide legislative authority to continue future payments.

Background

Proceeds from the levy on the slaughter of live-stock imposed under the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964 and the charge on live-stock exports under the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977 are allocated to various purposes including national cattle disease eradication. (Refer to Bills Digest for the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1984 and the Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Bill 1984). Section 10B of the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964 authorises payment of the slaughter levy and export charge into the National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account, set up by section 10A. Under section 10C, Trust Account payments may be made only to the States or to meet Commonwealth costs to eradicate cattle diseases.

Following self-government in 1978, the Northern Territory assumed responsibility from the Commonwealth for conducting and funding cattle disease control measures, and continued to receive payments from the Trust Account. However, Northern Territory does not fall within the meaning of a State under the Principal Act. Consequently, the proposed amendment will give legal authority to the payments made to the Northern Territory since 1978 as well as to future payments for national cattle disease eradication.

Main Provisions

By clause 2, the Principal Act will apply from 1 July 1978.
Clause 3 repeals section 4 of the Principal Act. The new section 4 will define "State" to include Northern Territory.

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