DAIRYING RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1981

Date Introduced: 26 February 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To rename the Dairying Research Committee the Australian Dairy Research Committee; to enable casual vacancies on the Research Committee to be filled for the balance of the term of the member being replaced; and to provide that the four producer members of the Research Committee represent all dairy farmers.

Background

The Dairying Research Act 1972 established the Dairying Research Trust Account and the Dairying Research Committee. This Committee is frequently referred to by name internationally and renaming it the Australian Dairy Research Committee will clearly establish its national identity.

At present 3 members of the Research Committee represent producers of milk for manufacturing purposes and 1 for the liquid milk market. This distinction is no longer appropriate in the industry.

These changes, and that concerning casual vacancies on the Research Committee, have been sought by the Dairying Research Committee and the Australian Dairy Farmers’ Federation.

Main Provisions

Clause 5 changes the name of the Dairying Research Committee to the Australian Dairy Research Committee.

Clause 6 amends the constitution of the Research Committee to provide for four members to represent the dairy farmers of Australia and for members (other than the Chairman) to be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.
Clause 7 amends provisions for removal etc. of members and deputies of the Research Committee.

Clause 8 inserts new section 11A dealing with disclosure of interest by members and deputies of the Research Committee.

Clause 9 repeals section 14 of the Act and substitutes a new section providing for the Remuneration Tribunal to determine remuneration payable to members and deputies of the Research Committee. The Minister will be able to approve payments to advisers to the Research Committee (clause 10).

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