APPLE AND PEAR LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1981

Date Introduced: 20 August 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose, Background and Provisions

The Apple and Pear Corporation receives the bulk of its income from charges imposed on growers under the Apple and Pear Levy Act 1976 and the Apple and Pear Export Charge Act 1976. The corporation applies these funds to control exports and promote apples and pears in Australia and overseas. The present Bill increases the maximum permissible charges as follows (clause 3):

Fruit for juicing - from 60 cents to $1.50 per tonne of fruit

Fruit for processing - from $1.40 to $3.60 per tonne of fruit

Other - from 6 cents to 12 cents per box of fruit

Where fruit is subject to the box rate of levy but not sold in boxes, 18 and 20 kilograms are taken to be the box equivalents for apples and pears respectively. The present Bill alters this to 18 kilograms for pears (clause 2).

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