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Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To enable the Pig Meat Promotion Committee to enter into agreements and employ staff.

Background

Under the Pig Meat Promotion Act 1975 the Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Minister regarding expenditures from the Pig Meat Promotion Trust Account in addition to other matters. A Departmental employee enters into contracts to implement the Committee's recommendations. These arrangements have proved cumbersome and it was felt necessary to allow the Committee to make agreements and employ staff on its own behalf. It was also felt appropriate to appoint an industry representative rather than a departmental officer to the position of Chairman of the Committee.

Provisions

Clause 7 repeals s.8 and inserts new ss.8, 8A, 8B and 8C. The present s.8 provides for the Pig Meat Promotion Advisory Committee with powers limited to providing advice to the Minister on pig promotion matters. The new sections will establish the Pig Meat Promotion Committee as a body corporate with authority to promote pig meat, in addition to recommending levy rates and the expenditure of moneys from the Promotion Account.

As a consequence of the increased powers and added functions of the new Committee, certain amendments are made to sections relating to moneys paid into the Promotion Account (clause 4), expenditure from the Promotions Account (clause 5), and agreements which may be entered into by the Committee with other parties for pig promotion and other specified purposes (clause 6).
Clause 8 repeals and replaces s.10. The old s.10 provided for a Departmental officer to chair the Committee. The new s.10 provides for the Minister to appoint an industry nominee. New conditions are added requiring Committee members to disclose their personal interest in matters before the Committee (clause 9) and further specification of the Minister's powers to dismiss Committee members (clause 10).

A new section 14A is inserted allowing the Committee to employ its own staff (clause 11). In addition certain formal amendments (clause 12) and transitional arrangements (clause 13) are made.