BARLEY RESEARCH BILL 1980

Date Introduced: 21 August 1980
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, Minister for Primary Industry

Purpose

To establish a Barley Research Scheme by establishing

- the machinery to collect the levy imposed under the Barley Research Levy Bill 1980;
- a trust account for the funding of research;
- a national Barley Research Council and State Committees.

Background

The proposed Barley Research Scheme will replace existing arrangements under which the Commonwealth has contributed to barley research in South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. The proposed scheme is similar to other existing research schemes for rural industries. In particular it provides for Government contributions on a one-to-one matching basis with grower levy contributions.

Main Provisions

Clause 2 states that the Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 5 requires the levy on barley, imposed under the Barley Research Levy Bill 1980, to be paid within 14 days after the end of a quarter (defined here to end on the last days of February, May, August or November) in which the grower delivers barley to another person (this time period may be changed by regulation). The purchaser is liable to pay the levy on behalf of the grower (sub-clause 6(1)) and is authorized to receive the relevant amount from the grower or deduct it from any moneys payable to the grower (sub-clause 6(2)).
Clause 10 establishes the Barley Research Trust Account. Clause 11 appropriates from Consolidated Revenue amounts equal to

1. levy and related payments received by the Commonwealth, less refunds paid and
2. a matching Government contribution which is not to exceed the previous item (other than amounts received by way of penalty);
3. other amounts paid to the Research Account (these may include State Government contributions);
4. income from sales of property, services and interest on earning assets.

Clause 13 provides purposes for which the Research Account may be applied. Clause 14 provides for the Minister, or an authorized officer, to enter agreements relating to research financed from the Research Account.

Clause 15 establishes the Barley Industry Research Council to advise and make recommendations on research expenditures.

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