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[Assented to 17 December 1997]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Buffalo Slaughter Levy Act 1997*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences at the commencement of Part 3 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*.

3 Definitions

- (1) In this Act:

levy means levy imposed by this Act.

National Cattle Disease Eradication Account means:

- (a) the trust account called the National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account continued in existence by section 4 of the *National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account Act 1991*; or
 - (b) the reserve called the National Cattle Disease Eradication Reserve established by section 4 of the *National Cattle Disease Eradication Reserve Act 1991*.
- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word or expression has the same meaning in this Act as it has in the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991*.

4 Imposition of levy

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a levy is imposed on the slaughter of buffaloes for human consumption at an abattoir after the commencement of this Act.
- (2) Levy is not imposed:
- (a) on the slaughter of buffaloes whose carcasses are, under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory, condemned or rejected as being unfit for human consumption; or
 - (b) on the slaughter of buffaloes for consumption by the owner of the buffaloes, by members of the owner's family or by the owner's employees.

5 Rate of levy

The rate of levy on the slaughter of each head of buffaloes is the sum of the following amounts:

- (a) \$4.60 or, if another amount (not exceeding \$18.00) is prescribed by the regulations, the other amount, for the

purpose of payment to the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation;

- (b) 73 cents or, if another amount (not exceeding \$4.00) is prescribed by the regulations, the other amount, for the purpose of payment to the National Cattle Disease Eradication Account.

6 Levy is payable by owner

Levy payable on the slaughter of buffaloes is payable by the person (including a State or Territory or an authority of a State or Territory) who owns the buffaloes when the slaughter takes place.

7 Regulations

The Governor-General may make regulations prescribing all matters:

- (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or
- (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in the—
House of Representatives on 1 October 1997
Senate on 29 October 1997]*

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