

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1989 No. 28

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and Energy

PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY ACT 1971

PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971 (the Act) provides for a levy to be imposed on the slaughter at an abattoir of pigs for sale for human consumption.

Section 8 of the Act empowers the Governor-General to make regulations for the purpose of section 6 of the Act. Section 6 provides that the levy shall be the aggregate of:

- . an amount prescribed for the purpose of financing the Pig Research Council (PRC), not exceeding 50 cents;
and
- . an amount prescribed for the purpose of financing the Australian Pork Corporation (APC), not exceeding \$1.50.

2.

Before making regulations prescribing an amount for the purpose of financing the PRC, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendation regarding that amount made to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy by the PRC. However, regulations shall not be made prescribing such an amount greater than the amount last recommended by the PRC to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy.

The Pig Slaughter Levy Regulations currently prescribe a slaughter levy of 30 cents per pig for the purpose of financing the PRC and a slaughter levy of \$1.50 per pig for the purpose of financing the Australian Pork Corporation, a total levy of \$1.80 per pig slaughtered.

The PRC recommended to the Minister that the portion of the pig slaughter levy for the purpose of financing the PRC be increased to 40 cents per pig slaughtered. It is seeking the rate increase in the pig slaughter levy in line with the Government's objective that industry contribution to research move toward 0.5 per cent of gross value of production.

3.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to apply an increased operative rate of levy for the purpose of financing the PRC, from 1 July 1989. From that date the pig slaughter levy will be \$1.90 per pig slaughtered, being the aggregate of an amount of 40 cents per pig for PRC purposes and \$1.50 per pig for Australian Pork Corporation purposes. The new rate does not exceed the maximum rate prescribed by the Act.

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