

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries
and Energy,
Senator the Honourable Bob Collins)

AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL
1994

OUTLINE

1. The proposed amendment removes from the Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Bill 1994 amendments relating to the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990 (the Quotas Act).
2. Recent industry concern emerged that the powers of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation relating to export quotas should not be amended or clarified until such time as the Government makes its final response to the Industry Commission (IC) Inquiry into Meat Processing. This reflects some concern on the part of sections of the industry that the IC Inquiry recommended that quotas be imposed and revenue associated with the tender of quotas be directed to consolidated revenue. Industry is currently debating its position on these issues.
3. In these circumstances, and to ensure that the flow of consultation with industry on the Industry Commission Report is not impeded, the Government has decided to withdraw the proposed amendments to the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990 from the Bill to allow amendments to the other bodies of legislation contained in the Bill to proceed. The amendments omit Part 2 of the Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Bill 1994 which deals with amendments to the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990 and makes consequential amendments to the remainder of the Bill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

4. The proposals put forward will not affect Government expenditure and will have no staffing implications for the Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendment (1)

5. Omits "Parts 1 and 2 commence" from clause 2, page 1, line 7 of the Bill and substitutes "Part 1 commences". Clause 2 relates to the commencement of the Parts of the Bill.

Amendment (2)

6. Omits all of Part 2 on page 2, lines 7 to 38 of the Bill. Part 2 sets out the amendments to the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990.

Amendment (3)

7. Omits "the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990," from the Title of the Bill on page 1.



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