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[Assented to 3 May 2000]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Australian Wool Research and
Promotion Organisation Amendment (Funding and Wool Tax) Act
2000*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act 1993

1 After subsection 6(1A)

Insert:

- (1B) The Organisation also has the function of planning, facilitating and participating in:
- (a) the reform, privatisation or abolition of the Organisation; or
 - (b) the establishment of a new body or bodies to perform any of the Organisation’s other functions or the conferral of any of those functions on an existing body or bodies;
- or both.
- (1C) The Organisation also has the function of providing funds to another person or body (including the Commonwealth) to reimburse the person or body for expenses or liabilities it incurs in participating in processes of the kind mentioned in subsection (1B). However, this function must not be performed except as required or permitted by directions given under subsection (1D).
- (1D) The Organisation must comply with any written directions from the Minister about the performance of its functions under subsection (1B) or (1C). Section 68 does not apply to a direction given under this subsection.
- (1E) A direction given under subsection (1D) may deal with specific matters, or set out general policies and require the Organisation to perform the relevant functions consistently with those policies, or both.
- (1F) The Minister may, by writing, delegate the power to give directions under subsection (1D) to an Agency Head (within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1999*).

2 Subsection 51(2)

Omit “approved” (first occurring), substitute “made”.

3 Paragraphs 51(2)(a) and (b)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (a) a recommendation of a kind to which subsection (3) applies:
 - (i) determined by the Minister in writing in that year, having regard to the information known to the Minister about the preferences of persons who have been liable to pay wool tax (including the results of the poll instigated by the Commonwealth government and known as WoolPoll 2000); or
 - (ii) if no such determination is made in that year—approved in that year by wool-tax payers by means of a postal ballot conducted under the regulations; or
- (b) a recommendation of a kind to which subsection (3) applies as varied in that year by another recommendation:
 - (i) determined by the Minister in writing in that year, having regard to the information known to the Minister about the preferences of persons who have been liable to pay wool tax (including the results of the poll instigated by the Commonwealth government and known as WoolPoll 2000); or
 - (ii) if no determination under this subsection is made by the Minister in that year—approved in that year by wool-tax payers by means of a postal ballot conducted under the regulations.

4 After subsection 51(3)

Insert:

- (3A) For the purposes of subsection (3), the percentage specified in a recommendation may be nil.

5 Paragraphs 51(4)(a), (b) and (c)

Omit “approved”, substitute “made”.

6 Subsection 51(5)

Omit “approved”, substitute “made”.

Wool Tax Act (No. 1) 1964

7 Paragraph 6(4)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:
(b) may be nil; but

Wool Tax Act (No. 2) 1964

8 Paragraph 6(4)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:
(b) may be nil; but

Wool Tax Act (No. 3) 1964

9 Paragraph 6(4)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:
(b) may be nil; but

Wool Tax Act (No. 4) 1964

10 Paragraph 6(4)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:
(b) may be nil; but

Wool Tax Act (No. 5) 1964

11 Paragraph 6(4)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:
(b) may be nil; but

12 Application of amendments

- (1) The amendments made by items 2 to 6 apply in relation to current recommendations that apply to financial years beginning on or after 1 July 2000.
- (2) The amendments made by items 7 to 11 apply in determining the rate of wool tax in relation to financial years beginning on or after 1 July 2000.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 16 February 2000
Senate on 9 March 2000]*

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