

Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 1991

No. 39 of 1991

An Act to amend legislation relating to primary industries, and for related purposes

[Assented to 27 March 1991]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 1991.

Commencement

- 2. (1) Subject to this section, this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- (2) Subsection 3 (1), section 4 and Part 1 of the Schedule commence on 1 July 1991.

Amendments of Acts

- 3. (1) The Acts specified in Part 1 of the Schedule are amended as set out in that Part.
- (2) The Acts specified in Part 2 of the Schedule are amended as set out in that Part.

Meat Research Corporation

4. The Meat Research Corporation is, for all purposes, a continuation, under that name, of the body known as the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation mentioned in the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985 before the commencement of this section.

Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc. etc.

- 5. (1) The Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc. is, for all purposes, a continuation, under that name, of the body known as the Australian Dairy Industry Conference Inc. mentioned in the *Dairy Produce Act* 1986 before the commencement of this section.
- (2) The executive of the Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc. is, for all purposes, a continuation, under that designation, of the executive council of the Australian Dairy Industry Conference Inc. mentioned in the *Dairy Produce Act 1986* before the commencement of this section.
- (3) If, at the time this section commences, the body known as the Australian Dairy Industry Conference Inc. has not changed its name to the Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc. under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 of the State of Victoria, a reference in the Dairy Produce Act 1986 to the Council is taken to be a reference to the Australian Dairy Industry Conference Inc. until it so changes its name.

SCHEDULE

Section 3

AMENDMENTS OF ACTS

PART 1

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977

Subsection 5 (1) (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Subsection 30J (7A):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 30L (2):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Section 30LA:

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Section 37A:

Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council Act 1984

Paragraph 9 (1) (h):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act 1984

Subsection 3 (1) (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Subsection 3 (2):

Omit the subsection.

Paragraph 5 (ba):

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Paragraph 5 (bb):

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 10B (1):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 10B (2):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 10B (3):

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 10B (4):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 10C (1):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 10C (3):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (first occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraph 10C (3) (b):

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and

Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 22A (1):

- (a) Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation";
- (b) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985

Long title:

Omit "an Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "a Meat Research Corporation".

Section 1:

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 3 (1) (definition of "Corporation"):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Section 4:

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraph 42 (1) (c):

After "sub-section (2)" insert "and section 42A".

After section 42:

Insert:

Commonwealth's matching payments not to exceed certain proportion of production

- "42A. (1) The sum of the amounts that, during a particular financial year, are paid to the Corporation under paragraph 42 (1) (c), in respect of amounts spent by the Corporation under section 44 for meat and live-stock research and development activities, is not to exceed an amount equal to 0.5% of the amount that the Minister determines to be the gross value of production of the industry for that financial year.
- "(2) The regulations may provide for the manner in which the Minister is to determine the amount of the gross value of production of the industry for a financial year.".

After paragraph 44 (ba):

Insert:

"(bb) for the purpose of funding meat and live-stock research and development activities included in the meat and live-stock research and development activities specified in an annual operational plan prepared by the Corporation and in force when payments by the Corporation are made;".

Subsections 47 (1) and (2):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation" (wherever occurring), substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsection 47 (4):

Omit the subsection.

Beef Production Levy Act 1990

Section 4 (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Paragraph 6 (1) (b):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsections 8 (3) and (6):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraph 8 (6) (a):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 8 (7):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Cattle and Beef Levy Collection Act 1990

Subsection 3 (1) (definition of "associated distribution Act"):

Omit the definition, substitute:

"'associated distribution Act' means the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977, the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964 or the Meat Research Corporation Act 1985;".

Subsection 11 (2):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Cattle Export Charge Act 1990

Section 4 (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Paragraph 6 (1) (b):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsections 8 (3) and (6):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraph 8 (6) (a):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 8 (7):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Cattle Transaction Levy Act 1990

Subsection 4 (1) (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Paragraphs 6 (1) (b) and (2) (b):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Subsections 8 (3) and (6):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraph 8 (6) (a):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 8 (7):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Dairy Produce Act 1986

Subsection 3 (1):

Insert:

- "'equal employment opportunity program', in relation to the Corporation, means a program of the Corporation that is designed to ensure:
 - (a) that appropriate action is taken to eliminate any discrimination by the Corporation against women and persons in designated groups in relation to employment matters; and
 - (b) that appropriate measures are taken to promote equal opportunity for women and persons in designated groups in relation to employment matters;

being a program that includes provision for assessment action, consultation action, employee information action, and policy action, in relation to the program;".

After subsection 3 (1):

Insert:

- "(1A) For the purposes only of sections 50A and 50B and the definition of 'equal employment opportunity program' in subsection (1), the following expressions have the meanings set out in the Schedule:
 - (a) assessment action:
 - (b) consultation action;
 - (c) designated group;
 - (d) discrimination;
 - (e) employee;
 - (f) employee information action:
 - (g) employment matters;
 - (h) policy action;
 - (i) woman.
- "(1B) Without affecting the meaning of subsection (1A), the definition of 'employee' set out in the Schedule does not have effect for the purpose of any provision of this Act other than subsection (1A) and sections 50A and 50B."

Paragraph 17 (1) (f):

Omit "and".

Subsection 17 (1):

Add at the end:

"; and (h) setting out the equal employment opportunity program developed under section 50A.".

Section 23:

Add at the end:

"(2) An annual operational plan is to propose action to implement the equal employment opportunity program developed under section 50A."

After section 50:

Insert:

Equal employment opportunity

- "50A. (1) The Corporation must develop and implement an equal employment opportunity program for the Corporation.
- "(2) The Corporation must take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the program.
- "(3) Any person who exercises powers in matters relating to employment matters in the Corporation must have regard to the program in exercising those powers.

Merit principle to apply

"50B. Nothing in this Act requires anyone to do anything incompatible with the principle that employment matters should be dealt with on the basis of merit."

Paragraph 123 (3) (a):

Add at the end "and".

Subsection 123 (3):

Add at the end:

"; and (d) a summary of the action taken by the Corporation to develop and implement its equal employment opportunity program.".

After section 126:

Add:

"SCHEDULE

Subsection 3 (1A)

"DEFINITIONS RELATED TO SECTIONS 50A AND 50B

"1. For the purposes of the definition of 'equal employment opportunity program' and the definitions of expressions used in that definition:

'assessment action', in relation to the equal employment opportunity program of the Corporation, means action by the Corporation to do all of the following things:

- (a) to collect and record statistics and related information concerning employment by the Corporation, including the number and types of jobs undertaken by, or job classifications of:
 - (i) employees of either sex; and
 - (ii) persons in designated groups;
- (b) to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program;
- (c) to assess:
 - (i) the achievement of the objectives of the program; and
 - (ii) the effectiveness of the program by comparing statistics and information referred to in paragraph (a) with the indicators set under the policy action of the program;

'consultation action', in relation to the equal employment opportunity program of the Corporation, means action by the Corporation to:

- (a) consult with its employees, particularly employees who are women or in designated groups; and
- (b) consult with each trade union having members affected by the program;

in relation to the development and implementation of the program; 'designated group' has the same meaning as in the *Public Service Act* 1922;

'discrimination' means:

- (a) discrimination that is unlawful under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 or the Sex Discrimination Act 1984; or
- (b) discrimination by which a person with a physical or mental disability is, because of the disability, treated less favourably than a person without the disability;

'employee' means a natural person appointed or engaged:

- (a) under a contract of service, whether on a full-time, part-time, permanent, casual or temporary basis; or
- (b) under a contract for service;

being a contract that is made in Australia, whether or not the person is, or may be, required to perform duties outside Australia under the contract;

'employee information action', in relation to the equal employment opportunity program of the Corporation, means the action by the Corporation to inform its employees of the content of the program and of the results of any assessment action;

'employment matters' includes:

- (a) recruitment procedure, and selection criteria, for appointment or engagement of persons as employees; and
- (b) promotion and transfer of employees; and
- (c) training and staff development for employees; and
- (d) conditions of service of employees;

'policy action', in relation to the equal employment opportunity program of the Corporation, means action by the Corporation to do all of the following things:

- (a) confer responsibility for the development and implementation of the program (including a continuous review of the program) on a person having sufficient authority and status within the management of the Corporation to enable the person properly to develop and implement the program;
- (b) examine policies and practices of the Corporation, in relation to employment matters, to identify:
 - (i) any policies or practices that constitute discrimination against women or persons in designated groups; and
 - (ii) any patterns (whether ascertained statistically or otherwise) of lack of equality of opportunity for women or persons in designated groups;
- (c) set:
 - (i) the objectives to be achieved by the program; and
 - (ii) the quantitative and other indicators against which the effectiveness of the program is to be assessed;

'woman' means a member of the female sex irrespective of age.

- "(2) A reference in the definition of 'equal employment opportunity program' to discrimination in relation to employment matters does not include a reference to discrimination that:
 - (a) is essential for the effective performance of the duties to which the employment matters relate; and
 - (b) is not unlawful under the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 or the Sex Discrimination Act 1984.".

Exotic Animal Disease Control Act 1989

Paragraph 24 (1) (b):

Omit the paragraph, substitute:

"(b) the Meat Research Corporation (being the corporation established by the Meat Research Corporation Act 1985);".

Paragraph 24 (3) (e):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act 1987

Paragraph 6 (d):

Omit "and" (last occurring).

After paragraph 6 (d):

Insert:

"(da) to facilitate the dissemination, adoption and commercialisation of the results of horticultural research and development; and".

Paragraph 7 (1) (f):

Omit "and" (last occurring).

After paragraph 7 (1) (f):

Insert:

- "(fa) acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property for the purposes of this Act;
- (fb) join in the formation of a company; and".

Subsection 7 (2):

Omit the subsection, substitute:

"(2) Where the Corporation holds a controlling interest in a company, the Corporation must ensure the company does not do anything that the Corporation is not itself empowered to do."

Subsections 19 (3), (4) and (5):

Omit the subsections.

After subsection 25 (5):

Insert:

- "(5A) The Corporation may, subject to this section, regulate proceedings at its meeting as it considers appropriate.
- "(5B) Without limiting subsection (5A), the Corporation may permit a member to participate in a meeting by telephone or any other means of communications.
- "(5C) A member who is permitted to participate in a meeting under subsection (5B) is to be regarded as being present at that meeting.".

After section 25:

Insert:

Resolutions without meetings

- "25A. Where the Corporation so determines, a resolution is to be taken to have been passed at a meeting of the Corporation if:
 - (a) without meeting, a majority of the number of members indicate agreement with the resolution in accordance with a method determined by the Corporation; and
 - (b) that majority would, if present at a meeting of the Corporation and entitled to vote on the resolution at that meeting, have constituted a quorum under paragraph 25 (5) (a).".

Subsection 26 (1):

Add at the end ", and prepare a research and development plan for each successive period referred to in subsection (5)".

Subsections 26 (2) and (3):

Omit the subsections.

Subsection 26 (5):

Omit the subsection, substitute:

"(5) Each subsequent research and development plan must include a statement of the objectives of the Corporation for the period of 5 years commencing at the end of the period to which the immediately preceding research and development plan relates.".

Subsection 26 (6):

Omit "The research", substitute "A research".

After subsection 26 (6):

Insert:

- "(6A) The Corporation must, as soon as practicable after each subsequent 30 June occurring before the day of expiration of a research and development plan, review the plan, and consider whether a revision of it is necessary.
- "(6B) The Corporation may, at any other time, review a research and development plan (whether or not the plan has come into operation) and consider whether a revision of it is necessary.
- "(6C) Where the Minister gives to the Corporation a notice requesting that the Corporation revise a research and development plan, and setting out the reasons for making the request, it must consider, having regard to the reasons, whether the requested revision is appropriate.

- "(6D) Where the Corporation considers that:
- (a) a revision of a research and development plan is necessary; or
- (b) a revision of a research and development plan, requested by the Minister, is appropriate;

it may revise the plan and submit it for the Minister's approval in accordance with subsection (7).".

Subsection 26 (7):

Omit "The research and development plan, and a revision of the", substitute "A research and development plan, and a revision of a".

Subsection 26 (8):

Omit "the research", substitute "a research".

After section 26:

Insert:

Approval for revised research and development plan to run for 4 years from next 1 July

- "26A. (1) Where the Corporation submits a revision of a research and development plan to the Minister for approval, and that plan is in force, the Corporation may also request the Minister's approval for the plan as revised to be in force until the end of 4 years beginning on the next 1 July after the day on which the revision takes effect.
- "(2) When making a request under subsection (1), the Corporation must provide the Minister with:
 - (a) a statement of its reasons for making the request; and
 - (b) such other information as the Minister requests.
 - "(3) Where:
 - (a) a request is made under subsection (1); and
 - (b) the Minister approves a revision of the plan under subsection 26 (7); and
 - (c) the Minister is satisfied that it is appropriate for the request under subsection (1) to be granted;

the Minister may, by notice in writing given to the Corporation, give his or her approval for the plan as revised to be in force until the end of 4 years beginning on the next 1 July after the day on which the revision takes effect.".

Subsections 27 (1) and (2):

Omit the subsections, substitute:

"27. (1) The Corporation must, for each financial year during which a research and development plan is in force, prepare, in written form,

an annual research and development program that is expressed to relate to that financial year.

- "(2) The research and development program for a financial year must:
 - (a) specify the broad groupings of horticultural research and development activities that the Corporation proposes to fund, wholly or partly, during the financial year; and
 - (b) describe how and to what extent funding those activities will:
 - (i) give effect to the research and development plan in force during that financial year; and
 - (ii) in particular, pursue the strategies outlined in the research and development plan and help to achieve the objectives described in the research and development plan; and
 - (c) provide an estimate of:
 - (i) the total amounts likely to be spent by the Corporation in respect of each broad grouping of horticultural research and development activities the Corporation proposes to fund during the financial year; and
 - (ii) the total of the amounts likely to be spent by the Corporation during the financial year otherwise than in respect of broad groupings of such horticultural research and development activities; and
 - (iii) the total of the amounts referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii); and
 - (iv) the total of the amounts likely to be paid to the Corporation during the financial year (other than the amounts paid under section 45).
- "(2A) A reference in this section to horticultural research and development activities that the Corporation proposes to fund includes a reference to horticultural research and development activities that the Corporation is prepared, subject to its examination of specific proposals, to fund."

Subsection 27 (3):

After "plan" insert "in force during the period to which the program is expressed to relate".

Paragraph 27 (6) (a):

Omit the paragraph, substitute:

"(a) must be submitted to the Minister no later than one month, or such shorter period as the Minister in special circumstances allows, before the intended day of commencement of the period to which the program relates; and".

Subsection 27 (7):

Add at the end "in force during the period to which the program is expressed to relate".

Section 28:

Omit "research and development plan", substitute "applicable research and development plan".

Subparagraph 29 (1) (a) (iii):

Omit the subparagraph, substitute:

"(iii) revisions of the applicable research and development plan agreed to by the Minister during the period;".

Paragraph 29 (1) (a):

Add at the end:

- "(v) the entering into of agreements under sections 8 and 9 during the period;
- (vi) its activities during the period in relation to agreements entered into under sections 8 and 9 during or before the period;
- (vii) its activities during the period in relation to applying for patents for inventions, commercially exploiting patented inventions and granting licences under patented inventions;
- (viii) the activities of any companies in which the Corporation has an interest; and
 - (ix) any activities relating to the formation of a company;".

Subparagraph 29 (1) (b) (i):

Omit "research and development plan", substitute "applicable research and development plan".

Section 36:

Repeal the section, substitute:

Terms and conditions of appointment

"36. The Executive Director is to be appointed on such terms and conditions, including remuneration and allowances, as are determined, in writing, by the Corporation and approved, in writing, by the Minister.".

Section 42:

Repeal the section.

Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977

Section 4 (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Subsections 13 (2A) and (4):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraphs 13 (4) (a) and (b):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 13 (5):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964

Subsection 4 (1) (definition of "Research and Development Corporation"):

Omit the definition.

Subsections 8 (2A) and (4):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Paragraphs 8 (4) (a) and (b):

Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985", substitute "Meat Research Corporation Act 1985".

Subsection 8 (5):

Omit "Research and Development Corporation", substitute "Meat Research Corporation".

Rural Industries Research Act 1985

Subsection 61 (8) (paragraph (b) of the definition of "Council"):

Omit the paragraph, substitute:

"(b) the Meat Research Corporation established by section 4 of the Meat Research Corporation Act 1985;".

Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 1) 1930

Schedule 2:

- (a) Omit "Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation";
- (b) After "Housing Loans Insurance Corporation", insert "Meat Research Corporation".

PART 2

Dairy Produce Act 1986

Subsection 3 (1) (definitions of "Conference" and "executive council"): Omit the definitions.

Subsection 3 (1):

Insert:

"'Council' means the association by the name of the Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc. that is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 of the State of Victoria;

'executive' means the executive of the Council;".

Subsections 10 (3), (5), (6) and (8):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 14 (1):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Section 16:

Omit "Conference" (wherever occurring), substitute "Council".

Section 27:

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 33 (3A):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 38 (1):

- (a) Omit "Conference", substitute "Council".
- (b) Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Paragraph 38 (3) (aa): •

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 41 (3):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 41 (4):

Omit "executive council" (wherever occurring), substitute "executive".

Section 43:

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Paragraph 53 (3) (b):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 82 (1):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Paragraph 88 (1) (k):

Omit "executive council of the Conference", substitute "executive of the Council".

Paragraph 88 (1) (m):

Omit "Conference", substitute "Council".

Subsection 88 (2):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Subsection 95 (8):

Omit "executive council" (wherever occurring), substitute "executive".

Subsection 102 (3):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act 1986

Subsection 14 (3):

Omit "executive council", substitute "executive".

NOTES

- 1. On the day on which section 30L of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977 is amended by this Act, the heading to that section is altered by omitting "Research and Development Corporation" and substituting "Meat Research Corporation".
- 2. On the day on which section 16 of the Dairy Produce Act 1986 is amended by this Act, the heading to that section is altered by omitting "Conference" and substituting "Council".

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NOTES—continued

3. On the day on which section 27 of the Dairy Produce Act 1986 is amended by this Act, the heading to that section is altered by omitting "executive council" and substituting "the executive".

[Minister's second reading speech made in— House of Representatives on 20 February 1991 Senate on 12 March 1991]