

Grains Research and Development Corporation Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1) 1999 No. 99

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 1999 No. 99

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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The purpose of the regulations is to facilitate the transition to the new levy arrangements under the *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999* (the Excise Act).

Section 149 of the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989* (the Act) provides the Governor-General with authority to make regulations.

Background/Context

The objectives of the Act are to make provision for the funding and administration of research and development relating to primary industries.

Under section 8 of the Act a Research and Development Corporation can be established by regulation in respect of that primary industry or class of primary industries. The Grain Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) is established by regulation under the Act and levy is payable to the GRDC in accordance with regulations under section 5 of the Act.

The regulations amend the reference in the GRDC Regulations to correctly refer to the Excise Act from 1 July 1999 and the associated levies which are attached to the GRDC.