

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Live-stock Export Marketing Body and Live-stock Export Research Body) Declaration 2004

Statutory Basis

Subsections 60 (3) and (3A) of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* provides that the Minister may, in writing, declare a body to be the live-stock export research body and the live-stock export marketing body.

Purpose of the Declaration

The purpose of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Live-stock Export Marketing Body and Live-stock Export Research Body) Declaration 2004* is to declare the Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited to be the live-stock export marketing body and the live-stock export research body from 1 January 2005.

Background to the Declaration

The “Livestock Export Review” conducted by Dr John Keniry recommended that the Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp) be responsible for research and development for the live export industry (Recommendation 2).

On 30 March 2004, the Australian Government announced its support for this recommendation as part of its response to the Keniry Review and that these new bodies would be funded by way of a compulsory Customs Charge.

To effect this change, amendments were also required to the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* to allow entities to be declared the live-stock export marketing body and the live-stock export research body. These amendments received Royal Assent on 13 December 2004.