

**Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?**

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**What industry do you represent?**

Producer

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**State or Territory**

Queensland

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**Are you a currently an agricultural levy payer?**

Yes

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**What commodity(ies) and levies do you currently pay?**

Biosecurity Registration Cattle Transaction Levy Grains Levy Sugar Levy Fire & Emergency Levy

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**How would you like to provide your feedback?**

Answer questions

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**How should a producer be defined for the purposes of the Biosecurity Protection Levy?**

The current definition is fine

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**What should the levy rate look like for the commodities of interest to you?**

**You can refer to page 5 of the consultation paper for further details.**

There should not be a biosecurity levy. We already pay taxes, numerous levies to MLA, Sugar Research, Livestock Production Assurance. This is just another tax, that is going to be put into general revenue. The Australian Government has not yet imposed the Imported Container Levy on Imported Goods that has already been legislated and is now imposing another 'levy' on producers.

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**Should any thresholds and/or exemptions should be considered?**

Yes. All producers should not have to pay a biosecurity levy as we already pay taxes.

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**How should Biosecurity Protection Levy collection arrangements and mechanisms be implemented for your commodity of interest?**

There should not be one

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**What information would be important to you to have confidence the levy is proportionate to biosecurity system benefits?**

As the Department of Agriculture already cannot manage its funds and has been given another 'saving' grace deposit from General Revenue, I don't have any confidence. The Australian Government, in particular the Albanese Government, is stating that users must pay to support the system. Primary producers already pay to support the system in the taxes which they pay.

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**Is your response confidential?**

No

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**Do you agree to your response being published on our website?**

Yes

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**I have read and understood the privacy notice and consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information as outlined in the privacy notice.**

Yes

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**Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration.**

Yes

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