

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

No

What industry do you represent?

Producer

State or Territory

██████████

Are you currently an agricultural levy payer?

Yes

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

██████████

How would you like to provide your feedback?

Answer questions

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

The fact you are asking this shows just how large a bureaucratic hole the department has fallen into.

Are definitions from existing levies legislation appropriate (see levies related legislation) legislation?

Yes

If your submission relates to a commodity that is not subject to existing agricultural levies, how would you define a producer for that commodity?

N/A

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.

It shouldn't be hinged on existing levies, for a majority of producers that is disingenuous as they will think the levy will be managed through an RDC or through PHA not go into consolidated revenue.

Should any thresholds and/or exemptions should be considered?

Find a different way to do this, my reading of this is that if it's a percentage of existing levy then it will unfairly target industries such as [REDACTED] who pay a higher percentage of production. It will also clip the ticket twice on [REDACTED] despite the domestic trade industry not being a high risk activity. I'm also aware it's disingenuous to pitch this as [REDACTED] contributing, when they already do through the PHA levy as well as because [REDACTED] are significant end users of [REDACTED] we will end up functionally paying the add on levies there as well. I as companies seek to recoup cost.

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

We already have a mechanism where we pay for research and specific agencies, not consolidated revenue. Lift the percentage to these organisations, that way not only is it transparent it will also generate real outcomes in terms of cost:benefit.

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

It would need to directly go to the RDCs or PHA for me to have any confidence

Is your response confidential?

No

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

Yes

Please de-identify my response

Yes

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

Confirm that you have read and understand this declaration.

Yes
