

# Introduction of the Biosecurity Protection Levy

## Feed Back

	BAMA Levies
	Federal Grain Levy
	Wool Levy
	Livestock Transaction Levy
	Livestock Processing Levy
	Livestock Export Levy
	Income Tax

While acknowledging that Producers benefit greatly from added biosecurity, we also agree with the consultation paper, that **all Australians benefit** from our disease and pest free produce by protecting the economy, environment and way of life. This should already be a high priority for the Australia Government and anyone risking this Biosecurity should face the consequences and pay heavily. (i.e. travellers not declaring prohibited produces should be paying hefty fines and made aware of the major ramifications through educational sessions!)

As producers are not risk creators, we feel the burden of increased costs associated with biosecurity border control should be borne by the risk creators (importers/travellers).

Producers already pay many levies that contribute to Biosecurity on top of Income Tax and are now being asked to pay an extra levy and increased tax. Using Figure 1: Contribution to biosecurity funding from the consultation paper - a domestic producer will be paying 50% of the new biosecurity funding (44% tax payers & 6% domestic producers) plus existing levies for biosecurity. Compared to a risk creator (importer) paying only 45%.

We feel any extra funds should be absorbed by the Importers and Travellers, risk creators and if local funding is still required, all Australians benefit so all pay equally through income tax, not extra levies on already heavy regulated industries.