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**Primary Industries (Irrigation Research
& Development) Levies Amendment Bill
2018**

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(Rural Affairs)

**A Bill for an Act to amend the Primary Industries
(Excise) Levies Act 1999, and for related purposes**

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1 **A Bill for an Act to amend the Primary Industries**
2 **(Excise) Levies Act 1999, and for related purposes**

3 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4 **1 Short title**

5 This Act is the *Primary Industries (Irrigation Research &*
6 *Development) Levies Amendment Act 2018.*

7 **2 Commencement**

8 (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table
9 commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column
10 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to
11 its terms.

1 **Schedule 1—Amendment**
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3 ***Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999***

4 **1 After Schedule 27**

5 Insert:

6 **Schedule 28 – Agricultural Water**

7 **1 Definitions**

8 In this schedule:

9 ***growers’ organisation*** means the organisation known to represent the
10 agricultural industries which use irrigation or such other organisation
11 that is prescribed for the purposes of this definition.

12 ***leviable agricultural irrigation water*** means water used in Australia for
13 agricultural purposes.

14 **2 Imposition of Levy**

15 (1) Levy is imposed on agricultural irrigation water produced in Australia
16 after the commencement of this Schedule.

17 **3 Rate of Levy**

18 (1) The rate of levy imposed by this Schedule is:
19 (a) \$0.50 per ML; or
20 (b) if a lower percentage is prescribed by the regulations—that
21 lower rate.

22 **4 Who pays the Levy**

23 (1) The levy imposed by this schedule on leviable agricultural irrigation
24 water is payable by the user of water if used for irrigation purposes.

1 **5 Regulations**

- 2 (1) Before the Governor-General makes a regulation for the purposes of
3 clause 3, the Minister must take into consideration any relevant
4 recommendation made to the Minister by the growers' organisation.
- 5 (2) If there is no growers' organisation, then, before the Governor-General
6 makes regulations for the purposes of clause 3, the Minister must take
7 into consideration any relevant recommendation made to the Minister
8 by the Research and Development Corporation established under the
9 *Irrigation Research and Development Corporation Regulations 2018*.
- 10 (3) Before that Research and Development Corporation makes such a
11 recommendation to the Minister, it must consult with the persons who
12 are required to pay the levy concerned.
- 13 (4) The regulations must not, for the purposes of clause 3, prescribe a rate
14 of levy greater than the rate recommended to the Minister under
15 subclause (1) or (2).