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AGRICULTURE LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 2019

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison MP)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

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- *National Residue Survey (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992*
- *Wool International Act 1993*
- *Wool International Privatisation Act 1999.*

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Bill will have no financial impact on the Australian Government Budget.

STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011.

Agriculture Legislation Repeal Bill 2019

This Bill is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Bill

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Conclusion

The measures in the Bill are compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*, as the Bill does not engage any human rights issues.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 Short Title

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act to be the *Agriculture Legislation Repeal Act 2019*.

Clause 2 Commencement

Clause 2 provides that the whole of the Act will commence the day after the Act receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 Schedules

Clause 3 provides that legislation that is specified in a Schedule to the Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule has effect according to its terms. This is a technical provision to give operational effect to the amendments contained in the Schedules.

Schedule 1—Repeals of Acts

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Amendment Act 1990

Item 1: The whole of the Act

Item 1 will repeal the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Amendment Act 1990* as the Act which it amended has already been repealed and this Act is spent and redundant.

National Residue Survey (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992

Item 2: The whole of the Act

Item 2 will repeal the *National Residue Survey (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992*.

The Act amended the *Cattle Transaction Levy Act 1990* and the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991* and provided for the transfer of certain funds due to the enactment of the *National Residue Survey Administration Act 1992*.

As the various provisions have already had their intended effect and/or relate to legislation no longer in use, the Act is redundant and can be repealed.

Wool International Act 1993

Item 3: The whole of the Act

Item 3 will repeal the *Wool International Act 1993*, which is redundant. The Act provided equity to wool growers in respect of contributions made to WoolStock Australia Limited through payment of a wool tax and gave registered equity holders a right to a share in the surplus money

of WoolStock Australia Limited. WoolStock Australia Limited was the private sector owner and manager of the wool stockpile. The Act is now redundant because WoolStock Australia Limited was wound up and delisted from the Australian Stock Exchange in 2001 following a major reduction in the wool stockpile.

Wool International Privatisation Act 1999

Item 4: The whole of the Act

Item 4 will repeal the *Wool International Privatisation Act 1999*, which is redundant. The Act provided for the privatisation of the statutory authority Wool International and the creation of WoolStock Australia Limited. The privatisation process is now complete and the privatised company, WoolStock Australia Limited, ceased to exist in 2001.