

## Dairy Australia Submission

To whom it may concern

Dairy Australia is the national services body for the Australian dairy industry, funded by a combination of levies paid by dairy farmers and matching payments from the Commonwealth Government for eligible research and development activities. Dairy Australia's purpose is to support the profitability and sustainability of dairy farming.

By way of this email, I provide a brief submission on behalf of Dairy Australia regarding the *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 [and related bills]*.

We note that Dairy Australia was consulted and previously provided feedback on the drafting of the Bills. We extend our appreciation for the government having undertaken this consultation process on this important suite of Bills.

As previously noted by the Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) as a collective, we confirm the importance for RDCs to have a clear and consistent definition of Research and Development, Research and Development Activities and Marketing Activities. We confirm the wording in the current bills is an improvement and is practical and workable for RDCs.

As also previously noted, there was some difficulty in considering the Bills holistically without being provided the associated subordinate legislation associated with the Bills. We note that such subordinate legislation will be provided to the RDCs for consideration in due course, and accordingly we look forward to that consultation process.

Sincerely

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