

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2018

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to this inquiry.

The NFF is the peak national body representing farmers and, more broadly, agriculture across Australia. Operating under a federated structure, individual farmers join their respective state farm organisation and/or national commodity council.

Within our membership we cover the majority of the representative organisations that stand to benefit from the effective operation of levy payer registers.

We agree that the bill makes minor amendments to support the effective operation of levy payer registers, including to further protect the privacy of levy payer information. The publication of anonymised statistical information will also be a valuable asset for industry.

NFF supports the bill because it builds further transparency into the levy system and presents an opportunity for representative organisations to more effectively engage and consult with the levy payers they represent.

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Yours sincerely

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