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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport
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BEC Feed Solutions Pty Ltd Submission- RE collection of Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement.


BEC Feed Solutions Pty Ltd is a manufacturer of vitamin & mineral premixes and a supplier of feed ingredients and protein meals to the Australian stock feed industry. Our customers range from on farm producers, stock feed mills, feed merchants and wholesalers.

BEC Feed Solutions Pty Ltd would like to take this opportunity to express concern in regards to the proposed EADRA levy being applied to manufactured feeds. This would place us and many of our valued customers in a position of disadvantage as this levy will discourage horse owners from buying ready made products and may encourage them to mix their own feed as an alternative. Additionally the proposed scenario potentially creates an environment for horse owners to avoid payment of the levy.

The collection of this levy needs to be transparent and directed to all horse owners. The owner also should be made aware of the levy and the numerical amount. We suggest the levy needs to be applied to an item/service common to all horse owners, such as a head halter and lead rope.

The difficulties associated with the EADRA are fully appreciated by BEC Feed Solutions Pty Ltd and we hope our feedback can assist in the implementation of a suitable collection system that encompass all horse owners whilst not disadvantaging only organisations affiliated with the equine industry .

Yours Sincerely


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