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Dear Mr Larnach

Thank you for your letter dated 20 November 2023 regarding the Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 and related bills, which have been referred to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) agrees the longstanding agricultural levy system is a successful partnership between government and industry, which has facilitated industry investment in strategic activities such as research and development, marketing, biosecurity activities and responses, and residue testing. Continuing this investment remains critical to supporting our primary industries into the future, including to ensure a reduction in emissions and adaptation to climate change.

PIRSA has considered and raises no concerns with the proposal to remove complexity and inconsistencies in the legislation, and to institute flexibility through subordinate legislation for the imposition, collection, and disbursement of agricultural levies and charges.

I look forward to seeing the bills progress to streamline and modernise the agricultural levies legislative framework.

Yours sincerely

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