

# **List of recommendations**

## **Recommendation 1**

**7.25** The committee recommends that a producer-owned body be established by legislation. The body should have the authority to receive and disperse the research and development, as well as marketing component, of the cattle transaction levy funds. The producer-owned body should also be authorised to receive matching government research and development funds. Reforming the Cattle Council of Australia to achieve these outcomes should be examined as part of this process.

## **Recommendation 2**

**7.30** The committee recommends the establishment of a cost-effective, automated cattle transaction levy system. The system should identify levy payers against levies paid. The automated system should provide for more immediate settlement of levy fees paid and the allocation of voting entitlements. It should be subject to regular independent auditing and verification.

## **Recommendation 3**

**7.35** The committee recommends that the *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999* be amended to ensure that levies paid by processors are recognised as processor (or slaughter) levies and not as producer (or cattle transaction) levies.

## **Recommendation 4**

**7.39** The committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office conduct an audit of the cattle transaction levy system, tracing the levy from inception and focusing on the revenue from, and expenditure of, the respective components of the levy.

## **Recommendation 5**

**7.41** The committee recommends that the Minister for Agriculture dissolve the Red Meat Advisory Council. The committee further recommends that the Minister for Agriculture establish a new system to manage and disperse earnings from the Red Meat Industry Reserve Fund, in consultation with the industry.

## **Recommendation 6**

**7.44** The committee recommends that the Minister for Agriculture revoke the status of the MLA Donor Company as an approved donor under the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*.

## **Recommendation 7**

**7.46** The committee recommends that the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the cattle industry, conduct an analysis of the benefits, costs and consequences of introducing legislation akin to the *Packers and Stockyards Act 1921* and *Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act 1999*.