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# National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003

**Date Introduced:** 27 March 2003

**House:** House of Representatives

**Portfolio:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

**Commencement:** Royal Assent

## Purpose

This Bill is part of a package of Bills the purpose of which is to increase the maximum National Residue Survey levy rate on honey from 0.3 cents per kilogram to 0.6 cents per kilogram.

## Background

This Bill is complementary to the National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003. Two bills are required to satisfy section 55 of the Constitution which in part provides that ‘laws imposing duties of customs shall deal with duties of customs only, and laws imposing duties of excise shall deal with duties of excise only’.

For further background the reader is referred to the Bills Digest on the National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003 (Bills Digest No. 145, 2002–03).

## Main Provisions

**Item 1 of Schedule 1** inserts the current rate of operative NRS levy on honey into the *National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Act 1998*. **Item 2** raises the maximum rate of the NRS levy on honey exported from Australia to 0.6 cents per kilogram. The current operative rate of 0.3 cents per kilogram will continue to be paid by honey producers. However the amendment will allow the operative rate to be increased by regulations should the honey industry require additional funding for residue monitoring programs.

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