

Explanatory note

Goat transaction levy

Resolution to increase the rate of the goat transaction levy and equivalent goat owner levy

Resolution proposed by the Goat Industry Council of Australia to increase the rate of the goat transaction levy, and equivalent goat owner export charge, to 90 cents per head.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

That producers endorse the goat transaction levy, and equivalent goat owner export charge, each increasing to 90 cents (or \$0.90) per head, split between levy/charge components as follows:

Levy stream	Proposed change
Research and development (MLA)	27 cents (or \$0.27) per head
Marketing (MLA)	31.5 cents (or \$0.315) per head
Biosecurity activity (AHA)	9 cents (or \$0.09) per head
Biosecurity Response (AHA)	0 cents (or \$0.00) per head
National Residue Service (NRS)	22.5 cents (or \$0.225) per head
Total	90 cents (or \$0.90) per head

A review of the goat transaction levy was essential to determine whether current levy revenue is sufficient to support the industry's ongoing needs and future growth.

In determining the proposition to be put forward, GICA worked with members, producers and levy recipient bodies to establish a fair proposal to put forward to goat transaction levy payers that included examining:

- **if the simple flat rate fare system is enough to fund future industry needs**
- **what amount is needed to avoid building a system of inefficiency**
- **producer's views on where they wanted more investment**
- **what level of investment is needed to address the challenges facing an industry of this size.**

Like all agricultural sectors, the goat industry has faced challenges, with fluctuations in price and supply over the past decade. More recently, the supply chain has grown significantly, and the industry is working to sustain it.

The levy represents an investment by producers in the future of their industry, supporting priorities such as market access and long-term industry goals. Producers help guide how these funds are invested.

The proposed increases reflect industry priorities and growth across the goat supply chain. Producers strongly supported increased investment in marketing, while additional funding for research, development and adoption will help meet growing project demand and leverage Australian Government co-investment. Increased funding for the National Residue Survey and biosecurity will also support higher supply volumes, strengthen surveillance and preparedness, protect market access and improve the industry's capacity to respond to a biosecurity incursion.

Producers are encouraged to view the two webinars available at goatindustrycouncil.com.au, which provide further information on the current position of the industry and the broader rationale for the proposed change.

GICA strongly recommends that producers support this proposal to help strengthen the future of the goat industry. Producer support is essential to progressing the proposal and securing the investment needed to support the industry's long-term growth and resilience.