

ORCHARD LEVY AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill amends the Orchard Levy Act 1953.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2: Section 3 of the principal Act requires fruitgrowers who have commercial orchards containing 120 trees or more to pay to the New Zealand Fruitgrowers Federation Ltd. each March a levy at such rate, not exceeding \$5, as the Minister of Agriculture, having regard to the recommendation of the Federation, specifies by notice in the *Gazette*. That levy is applied in the cost of administration, the publication of a journal, and research work.

This clause fixes the maximum amount of the levy at \$5 in the case of an orchard having an area of up to 5 acres (the present maximum) and at \$10 in the case of an orchard having an area in excess of 5 acres. Where a fruit-grower has more than 1 orchard, he will be liable for only 1 levy, calculated in relation to the total area of those orchards.

Hon. Mr Talboys

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ANALYSIS

Title	1. Short Title
	2. Occupier of orchard to pay levy

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Orchard Levy Act 1953

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Orchard Levy Amendment Act 1969, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Orchard Levy Act 1953* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. Occupier of orchard to pay levy—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 3, and substituting the following section:

“3. (1) Every person who, on the 31st day of January in the year 1970 or in any year thereafter, is the occupier of an
15 orchard shall pay to the Federation in the month of March in that year a levy at such rate,—

“(a) Not exceeding, in any case where that orchard has an area of not more than 5 acres, \$5; or

*1957 Reprint, Vol. 11, p. 473

“(b) Not exceeding, in any case where that orchard has an area of more than 5 acres, \$10,—
as the Minister, having regard to the recommendation of the Federation, may from time to time specify by notice in the *Gazette*.

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“(2) Where a person is the occupier of 2 or more separate orchards, then, for the purposes of this section, those orchards shall be deemed to constitute a single orchard.”