



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture  
and Water Resources**

Mr Tony Larkman  
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Australian Tea Tree Industry Association  
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Dear Mr Larkman,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 November 2016 to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, enclosing a submission by the Australian Tea Tree Industry Association (ATTIA) to establish new statutory levies and export charges on tea tree oil. The levies and export charges would support the industry's research and development efforts as well as emergency plant pest response. The Minister has referred the submission to his department for assessment.

The Australian Government's *Levy Principles and Guidelines* provide for a six-week period for lodgement of objections to a levy proposal. In light of the upcoming holiday period, the formal period for any objections will be held over seven weeks—commencing at 9am AEDT on 28 November 2016 and expiring at 5pm AEDT on 13 January 2017.

It is important the ATTIA make all known potential levy payers aware of the tea tree oil levy submission and the objection period. I request ATTIA utilise all appropriate avenues to alert potential levy payers of the objection period so they have an opportunity to comment. This could include the use of media releases, displaying a notice on the ATTIA website, and notices in appropriate regional weekly publications.

Please advise all prospective levy payers wishing to object to clearly outline the aspect of the levy proposal to which they object. They should also list reasons why they oppose the levy and provide suitable supporting arguments and evidence, together with their contact details. Further information about making an objection can be found on page 6 of the *Levy Principles and Guidelines*. Objectors may require access to ATTIA's submission, and I ask that copies and/or details of the submission be made available on request.

Objections may be made in writing to the government, through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources - Levies, by email to: [levies.management@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:levies.management@agriculture.gov.au), or by post to:

Attn: Levies Management  
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources  
Locked Bag 4488  
KINGSTON ACT 2604

Objections may also be made in writing through the Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by email to: [minister@maff.gov.au](mailto:minister@maff.gov.au), or by post at:

The Hon. Barnaby Joyce MP  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources  
PO Box 6022  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Following the completion of the objection period, the department will provide ATTIA with anonymised information about any objections received and an opportunity for ATTIA to provide a response.

I have written a similar letter to Mr John Harvey, Managing Director, Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, requesting his assistance to promote the objection period.

For further information please contact Mr Ronald Jackson, Director, Small and Emerging Industries, on 02 6272 5084 or by email at: [Ronald.Jackson@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:Ronald.Jackson@agriculture.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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