

2nd July 2025

INDUSTRY NOTICE: 1 cent Levy Increase to Repay Varroa Response Implemented

To the Australian Honey Bee Industry Levy Payers,

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) wishes to inform industry levy payers the 1 cent increase in the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) levy has come into effect from 1st July 2025.

In November 2024 honey levy payers were invited to participate in an objection period for proposed changes to honey levies. We want to advise that the feedback was addressed and those changes have now been made in the Regulations.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has notified levy agents and details on the new levy rates can be found on their website at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/levies/notices>

Table 1: Summary of changes

Levy component	Levy rates up to 30 June 2025	Levy charge rate from 1 July 2025
Plant Health Australia/Biosecurity Activity	0.1 c/kg	2.8 c/kg
Emergency Plant Pest Response/ Biosecurity Response	2.7 c/kg	1 c/kg
Research & Development	1.5 c/kg	1.5 c/kg
National Residue Survey	0.3 c/kg	0.3 c/kg
Total	4.6 c/kg	5.6 c/kg

For background and purpose of the levy increase and administrative change please refer to AHBIC's previous industry correspondence dated 19th September 2024: [Letter to Industry re EPPR - Australian Honey Bee Industry Council](#)

I remind levy payers that AHBIC is not funded by levies and if you, as a levy payer, require any further information, clarification or have any questions please reach out to AHBIC via email; ahbic@honeybee.org.au.

Yours sincerely,



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