

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1993

DECLARATION NO 5 OF 1994

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Animal Diseases Act 1993, which repealed the Stock Diseases Act 1933 provides for the control of both endemic and exotic animal diseases. Under paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Act the Minister is empowered to declare any animal disease to be an endemic stock disease for the purposes of the Act.

The control of an endemic animal disease is likely to incur less cost and be of less national significance than the control of exotic animal diseases. Different provisions apply in the Act for the control of animal diseases which already occur in Australia to those which may be introduced from overseas.

Identification of endemic animal diseases enables appropriate action to be taken to control those diseases under the Act in a manner similar to that applying in the repealed Stock Diseases Act 1933.

The Declaration provides a list of diseases declared to be endemic stock diseases for the purpose of the Act.