

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

STOCK (AMENDMENT) BILL 2001

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Outline

The *Stock (Amendment) Bill 2001* (the Bill) will increase the coverage of material banned from being fed to ruminant. There is an unproven link between bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or 'Mad Cow Disease') and the variant form of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease (CJD), which affects humans. The most recent meeting of the Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand (ARMCANZ), in March 2001, discussed the implications for Australia of BSE.

ARMCANZ Ministers agreed based on recent experience in Europe, to introduce legislation in their respective jurisdictions to increase the coverage of material banned from ruminant feeds. The amendments proposed will ban the inclusion of certain mammalian products, poultry tissue and fishmeal in ruminant feeds.

Revenue/Cost Implications

The Bill has no cost or revenue implications.

Formal Clauses

Part 1 Preliminary:

Clauses 1 to 3 are formal requirements. They deal with the short title of the Bill and commencement provisions.

Clause 36A (1) is an interpretation provision and defines certain terms used in the Bill. Definitions of *animal*, *mammalian material*, *mammalian material statement* and *non-mammalian material statement* will be replaced by either *restricted feed material* or *non-restricted feed material*.

The new definition of *restricted feed material* will include fishmeal, poultry tissue and mammalian tissue or meal of mammalian origin other than tallow, gelatine or milk to be fed to ruminants.

Clauses 36B, 36C, 36E, 36F & 36G will have *mammalian* replaced by *restricted feed material*.

Clauses 36B(2), 36D (1) & (2), 36E & 36F will have *non-mammalian* replaced by *non-restricted feed material*.