

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

*ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1993*

DECLARATION OF ENDEMIC DISEASES

DISALLOWALBE INSTRUMENT NO: 9 OF 2002

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 21(1)(b) of the *Animal Diseases Act 1993* (the Act) empowers the Minister to declare diseases to be endemic diseases for the purposes of the Act. The effect of such a declaration is to require notification of any such disease as it occurs, and to allow the Minister to make directions and take various actions to control the spread of an endemic stock disease including declaring quarantine areas, and requiring destruction of infected stock.

The diseases set out in this declaration are on the list agreed nationally by the Veterinary Committee established under the former Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management, and bring the ACT into line with other States and Territories in Australia.

The power to make this declaration has been delegated to the Director, Environment Protection, who has signed this instrument.