

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1993

DECLARATION OF ENDEMIC STOCK DISEASE QUARANTINE AREA

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

The *Animal Diseases Act 1993* subsection 23(1) states that the Minister, may by instrument declare a specified area of land to be an endemic stock disease quarantine area, if he or she has reasonable grounds for believing that-

- a) an animal is infected with an endemic stock disease; and
- b) the declaration is necessary for the purpose of preventing the spread of the endemic stock disease.

The Minister has delegated this power to the Executive Director, Environment ACT.

There is evidence that Ovine Johne's Disease, an endemic stock disease affecting sheep, goats or deer, has been detected in sheep originating from "Tidbinbilla".

It is necessary that sheep on this property be quarantined to stop the potential spread of this disease. Sheep may only leave the property with written approval from an authorised officer.

This Instrument is a disallowable instrument and will be published on the ACT Government Legislation Register and in a daily newspaper published and circulating in the Territory.