

Australian Capital Territory

Animal Welfare (Land Transport of Livestock) Mandatory Code of Practice 2018 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2018—90

made under the

Animal Welfare Act 1992, section 23 (Mandatory code of practice)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 23 of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* permits the Minister to approve a mandatory code of practice relating to animal welfare.

The *Animal Welfare (Land Transport of Livestock) Mandatory Code of Practice 2018 (No 1)* approves the *Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines, Land Transport of Livestock*, Edition One, Version 1.1, dated 21 September 2012 (the code of practice).

Section 23 (2) of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* requires that an approval state to whom a mandatory code applies. The code of practice applies to all people responsible for the care and management of livestock that are transported, including drivers, transport companies, owners, agents and livestock handlers at farming enterprises, depots, saleyards, feedlots and livestock-processing plants. The chain of responsibility for livestock welfare in transport begins with the owner or their agent, and extends to the final receiver of the livestock.

The code of practice was developed in consultation with state and territory governments, livestock industry organisations, animal welfare groups and the general public under the auspices of the Animal Welfare Committee, which is ultimately responsible to the Standing Council on Primary Industries.

This instrument takes effect on the day after it is notified.