

Australian Capital Territory

Stock (Levy) Determination 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026–125

made under the

Stock Act 2005, s 6 (Stock units and levy amount)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This explanatory statement relates to the *Stock (Levy) Determination 2026* as presented to the Legislative Assembly (the *Assembly*). It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly. The statement must be read in conjunction with the instrument. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the instrument.

Overview

Section 6 of the *Stock Act 2005* (the *Act*) permits the Minister to determine:

- (a) for each kind of stock, the number of animals making up a stock unit; and
- (b) the levy amount per stock unit.

This instrument determines the levy amount per stock unit and the number of animals making up a stock unit.

The levy in the determination which applied in the 2025-26 financial year, has been increased by 3.25% for the 2026-27 financial year based on the wage price index (*WPI*) as per Government policy, plus an additional 0.35% as per the decision in the 2023-24 Budget, for a total increase of 3.60%.

The instrument commences on 1 July 2026.

The instrument revokes the *Stock (Levy) Determination 2025* (DI2025-135).

A determination under section 6 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Assembly not later than 6 sitting days after its notification day, pursuant to the *Legislation Act 2001* (the *Legislation Act*), section 64.

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to section 36 (1) (k) of the Legislation Act, which provides that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.

Human Rights

The Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (Legislative Scrutiny Role) terms of reference require consideration of human rights impacts, among other matters. In this case, no human rights are impacted.