

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 12(1) of the *Animal Diseases Act 1993* allows for the Minister to declare an exotic disease for the purpose of the Act

Section 21(1)(b) of the *Animal Diseases Act 1993* allows for the Minister to declare any disease to be an endemic stock disease

NSW Department of Agriculture has updated its endemic and exotic diseases proclaimed under the *NSW Stock Diseases Act 1923*, *Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1991* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*

In order to ensure that ACT legislation remains consistent with NSW legislation in respect to diseases it has become necessary to revoke all existing declarations in respect to both endemic and exotic diseases and incorporate the revised diseases within the *Animal Diseases Act 1993*

The ACT *Apiaries Act 1928* was repealed by the *Animal Diseases (Amendment) Bill 1997*. This has resulted in the need to include within the declaration all exotic and endemic bee diseases

Section 21(1)(a) of the *Animal Diseases Act 1993* allows for the Minister to declare any animal to be stock for the purpose of this Act

Changing farming practices within the ACT has required the revocation of the existing declaration in respect of the definition of stock to update it to include species which are now being farmed in the ACT. Included within this revision allowance has been made to cover bees as stock to ensure that with the repeal of the *Apiaries Act 1928* it apiarists are covered by legislation.

Noted .