

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1993

DECLARATION NO 7 OF 1994

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Animal Diseases Act 1993, which repealed the Stock Diseases Act 1933, provides for the control of both endemic and exotic animal diseases. Under paragraph 21(1)(a) of the Act the Minister is empowered to declare any animal to be stock for the purpose of the Act.

The range of foreign and native animal species being domesticated for commercial use cannot be anticipated. It is appropriate that all forms of livestock can be incorporated in the definition of "stock" and that native and feral animals in the wild are also included since an exotic animal disease may not only infect domestic animals.

The Declaration provides for any vertebrate other than man to be stock for the purposes of the Act.