

**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**ANIMAL DISEASES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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### **Outline**

The Bill makes amendments relating to bee diseases.

### **Animal Diseases (Amendment) Bill 1999**

#### **Formal Clauses**

**Clauses 1 to 3** are formal requirements. They deal with the short title of the Bill and commencement provisions.

**Clause 4** amends section 44 of the Principal Act which allows for an inspector to enter premises in certain circumstances. As amended, an inspector with a reasonable belief that bees are being kept on the premises will be entitled to enter the premises either with the consent of the occupier of the premises or by warrant.

**Clause 5** amends section 45 of the Principal Act consequential to the amendment in clause 4.

**Clause 6** repeals section 46 of the Principal Act. This clause substitutes a new section 46 that sets out the requirements for obtaining a warrant to search premises for a number of listed grounds that will now include that the inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that bees are being kept on premises in breach of the legislation.

**Clause 7** inserts proposed section 49A of the Principal Act, to allow an inspector to direct a person to comply with the requirements of the regulations in respect to the keeping of bees.

**Clause 8** amends section 64 of the Principal Act to include, in the power to make regulations, regulations dealing with the prevention or spread of exotic diseases in the Territory.

**Clause 9** is a saving clause. Proposed section 79 allows for the continuation of warrants issued under Section 46 of the Principal Act even though it will be repealed upon the commencement of this Bill.