



New South Wales

Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Bill 2012

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Animal Diseases (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991*, the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* and the *Plant Diseases Act 1924* as follows:

- (a) to provide for mechanisms to deal with emergency outbreaks of animal pests, such as the declaration of infested places, restricted areas and control areas and accompanying restrictions on movement, and orders relating to control and eradication of animal pests,
- (b) to prohibit interim court orders that might prevent or delay emergency measures in circumstances where there is an emergency outbreak of notifiable weeds or plant diseases or pests,
- (c) to provide for the use of quarantine areas to control the spread of noxious fish and noxious marine vegetation and to make other provision with respect to noxious fish and noxious marine vegetation,
- (d) to enable various orders relating to fish and marine vegetation quarantine areas, noxious weeds and plant diseases and pests to be published urgently in newspapers or on a government website,

- (e) to require the appropriate authorities to be notified by persons who, while acting in a professional capacity, become aware of the presence of an emergency animal disease or pest or a notifiable weed or a notifiable plant disease or pest,
- (f) to make other provision with respect to biosecurity measures under those Acts,
- (g) to enable regulations containing savings or transitional provisions to be made as a consequence of the enactment of the proposed Act.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of Schedule 1 to the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation and for the rest of the proposed Act to commence on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Animal Diseases (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991 No 73

Emergency animal pest measures

Schedule 1 [1] includes a reference to emergency animal pests in the long title to the Act.

Schedule 1 [2] changes the name of the Act to reflect the fact that it will now cover emergency animal pests as well as emergency animal diseases.

Schedule 1 [3] provides for animals, that are not indigenous to a particular area to be declared as emergency animal pests by an order made by the Minister.

Schedule 1 [72] makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [23] inserts proposed Part 3A which contains provisions relating to the control of emergency animal pests. The proposed Part contains the following provisions:

- (a) Division 1 (proposed sections 27A and 27B) imposes a duty to notify an inspector of an emergency animal pest or suspected pest on an owner of premises, a person who owns, possesses or controls or is in charge of a suspected emergency animal pest and a person who is consulted in a professional capacity. The Division also makes it an offence to intentionally or recklessly, or to threaten to, release an emergency animal pest.
- (b) Division 2 (proposed sections 27C–27E) provides for the declaration of infested places by the Minister if the Minister reasonably suspects any premises, place or area is infested with an emergency animal pest. The declaration will apply to animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things identified by the declaration. A permit will be required to cause a vehicle to enter or leave an infested place and to bring or move any thing to which the declaration applies into, within or out of the place. Movement into

or out of an infested place by any person or thing affected by the declaration must be made through specified entry and exit points.

- (c) Division 3 (proposed sections 27F–27J) provides for the declaration of a restricted area by the Minister if the Minister is of the opinion that any premises, place or area is or may become infested with an emergency animal pest. The declaration will apply to animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things identified by the declaration and will be revoked if notice of the declaration is not published within 14 days. A permit will be required to move things to which the declaration applies into, within or out of a restricted area. Any movement of any such thing into or out of the restricted area must be through specified entry or exit points. The Minister may also make an area restriction order which authorises inspectors, or requires other persons, to take measures to control, eradicate or prevent the spread of an emergency animal pest.
- (d) Division 4 (proposed sections 27K and 27L) provides for the declaration of a control area by the Minister if the Minister thinks it is reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest. The Minister may also make a control order for the whole or part of a control area. A control order may prohibit, regulate or control the movement of specified things into, out of or within the control area or a specified part of the area or authorise inspectors or require other persons to take specified measures to control, eradicate or prevent the spread of emergency animal pests.
- (e) Division 5 (proposed sections 27M–27P) contains a general provision about the granting of permits, enables an inspector to use reasonable force on a person acting contrary to a requirement of the Part and makes it clear that the proposed Part does not affect the operation of other provisions relating to inspectors or liability for offences.

Schedule 1 [25] enables the Minister to make an importation order prohibiting or imposing conditions on the entry or importation into the State of emergency animal pests, animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things if the Minister reasonably suspects that any premises, place or area outside the State is infested with an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [32] enables the Minister to make a destruction order requiring the destruction of an emergency animal pest, or any premises (other than a dwelling) or any animal, animal product, fodder, fittings or other thing the Minister reasonably suspects to be infested with an emergency animal pest and which cannot be effectively disinfected. **Schedule 1 [37] and [39]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [42] enables an inspector to make a quarantine order so as to prohibit or restrict the movement of any suspected emergency animal pest, animal product, fodder, fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing on to, within or out of any premises or place if the inspector reasonably suspects that the premises or place is infested with an emergency animal pest or believes on reasonable grounds that it is necessary to make the order to prevent the spread of the pest.

Schedule 1 [45] provides that a quarantine order relating to an emergency animal pest is to be in force for 40 days or for such shorter or longer period as the Director-General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (the *Director-General*) determines. **Schedule 1 [44]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [48] empowers an inspector to make a disinfection order directing the owner or person in charge or control of premises or a place to disinfect the premises or place or things in it or any other person leaving or entering the premises or place to disinfect a vehicle or thing. The inspector may make a disinfection order if the inspector reasonably suspects that the premises or place is infested with an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [50] and [51] enable an inspector to seize and impound a thing if the inspector reasonably suspects it to be infested with an emergency animal pest or if it is in or near a declared area or an area where there are emergency animal pests.

Schedule 1 [52] enables an inspector to destroy any thing seized if of the opinion that it is necessary to do so to avoid risk to life or property in connection with an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [53] confers powers on inspectors to require persons to answer questions, state name and place of residence and produce records or other documents for the purposes of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest. **Schedule 1 [54]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [57] enables an inspector who is exercising functions to search for, track, mark for identification, test, treat or destroy an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [59] enables an inspector to give a written direction requiring an owner or person in charge or control of any premises, place, area, animal or vehicle, or a person in the premises, place, area or vehicle, to give reasonable assistance to the inspector, if the inspector reasonably suspects that the premises, place, area or vehicle is infested with an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [62] changes the name of a Fund to reflect its application to things done in connection with emergency animal pests. **Schedule 1 [61] and [73]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [63] requires accounts for specific emergency animal pests to be established within the Emergency Animal Diseases and Pests Compensation and Eradication Fund.

Schedule 1 [64] requires amounts payable to the State by the Commonwealth or any State or Territory for controlling, eradicating and preventing the spread of emergency animal pests to be paid to that Fund.

Schedule 1 [65] enables money to be paid from that Fund for certain expenses connected with emergency animal pests.

Schedule 1 [67] sets out circumstances when an animal, place or thing may reasonably be suspected of being infested with an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [68] extends the existing privative provision relating to emergency animal diseases to emergency animal pests. **Schedule 1 [69]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [71] includes treatment of infestations in the definition of *disinfected*.

Schedule 1 [74] includes procedures relating to the alleviation, control, prevention or eradication of emergency animal pests in the definition of *treatment*.

Emergency animal disease measures

Schedule 1 [4] enables a declaration of an infected place (where a place is or may be infected with an emergency animal disease) to extend to any thing (the *affected thing*) identified in the declaration. Currently, it is limited to animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles.

Schedule 1 [5] provides that the declaration may only extend to an affected thing if it is or could be infected with an emergency animal disease or could assist the spread of an emergency animal disease.

Schedule 1 [6] extends the requirement for a permit to take something into, within or out of an infected place to an affected thing. **Schedule 1 [7] and [8]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [9] extends the requirement to take something into or out of an infected place through specified entry and exit points to an affected thing. **Schedule 1 [10]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [11] enables a declaration of a restricted area (where premises, a place or an area within the State is or may be infected with an emergency animal disease) to extend to any thing (an *affected thing*) identified in the declaration. Currently, it is limited to animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles.

Schedule 1 [12] provides that the declaration may only extend to an affected thing if it is or could be infected with an emergency animal disease or could assist the spread of an emergency animal disease.

Schedule 1 [13] extends the requirement for a permit to take something into, within or out of a restricted area to an affected thing. **Schedule 1 [14]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [15] extends the requirement to take something into or out of a restricted area through specified entry and exit points to an affected thing. **Schedule 1 [16]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [17] enables an area restriction order to authorise inspectors to take measures within a restricted area for the purposes of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal disease. **Schedule 1 [18]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [19] makes it clear that a control order may regulate the movement of animals within a specified part of a control area.

Schedule 1 [20] enables a control order to authorise inspectors to take measures within a control area for the purposes of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal disease.

Schedule 1 [21] enables permits to be granted to authorise entry to or exit from, or movement within, a control area.

Schedule 1 [24] enables an importation order that prohibits the entry or importation into the State of things to extend to any thing (an *affected thing*) identified in the order. The order is made by the Minister if the Minister reasonably suspects any premises, place or area outside the State to be infected with an emergency animal disease. Currently, it is limited to animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles. **Schedule 1 [26], [27] and [29]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [28] provides that the importation order may only extend to an affected thing if it is or could be infected with an emergency animal disease or infested with an emergency animal pest, or could assist the spread of an emergency animal disease or an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [30] enables a destruction order made by the Minister to authorise the destruction of any animal that is infected, or suspected of being infected, with an emergency animal disease. Currently, such an order may be made only in respect of a domestic animal. **Schedule 1 [33], [34] and [38]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 1 [31] enables a destruction order to authorise the destruction of any thing that the Minister reasonably suspects to be infected with an emergency animal disease and which cannot be effectively disinfected. Currently, this power is limited to animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles. **Schedule 1 [35]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 1 [40] enables a quarantine order made by an inspector to prohibit or restrict the movement of any thing into or out of any premises, place or vehicle subject to the order if the inspector reasonably suspects the premises, place or vehicle to be infected with an emergency animal disease and that it is necessary to make the order to prevent the spread of such a disease. Currently, this power is limited to animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles.

Schedule 1 [41] enables a quarantine order to restrict movement within the area to which the order applies.

Schedule 1 [43] provides that a quarantine order may only extend to a thing (other than an animal, animal product, fodder, fitting, soil or vehicle) if it is or could be infected with an emergency animal disease or infested with an emergency animal pest, or could assist the spread of an emergency animal disease or an emergency animal pest.

Schedule 1 [46] enables an undertaking, accepted by an inspector instead of issuing a quarantine order, to apply to things other than animals, animal products, fodder, fittings and soil.

Schedule 1 [47] enables a disinfection order made by an inspector who reasonably suspects an emergency animal disease infection to require any thing within the premises, a place or a vehicle to be disinfected. Currently, this power is limited to

premises, a place or a vehicle and any fodder, fittings or soil within the premises, place or vehicle.

Other amendments

Schedule 1 [22] confers on the Director-General (instead of the Minister) the function of determining the means by which a general permit is to be granted.

Schedule 1 [36] prohibits the Minister from ordering the destruction of protected fauna under a destruction order unless the Minister has first consulted with the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Schedule 1 [49] extends the power of inspectors to seize and impound to things other than animals, animal products, fodder, fittings and soil.

Schedule 1 [55] removes an unnecessary word.

Schedule 1 [56] extends the power of an inspector to inspect, examine, test, disinfect, fumigate or take samples to any thing. Currently, this power is limited to premises, places, areas, fodder, fittings, soil and vehicles. The amendment also enables inspectors to take photographs and make video recordings.

Schedule 1 [58] enables inspectors to exercise functions in places that have been the subject of a declaration of a control area within the preceding 2 years.

Schedule 1 [60] enables an inspector to require a person to disinfect any premises, place or vehicle.

Schedule 1 [66] empowers the Director-General to delegate his or her functions under the Act.

Schedule 1 [70] enables regulations containing savings and transitional provisions to be made consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Fisheries Management Act 1994 No 38

Schedule 2 [1] enables a boat to be declared a quarantine area in connection with the presence of a declared disease. **Schedule 2 [6] and [7]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 2 [2] provides for orders declaring quarantine areas in connection with declared diseases to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website. **Schedule 2 [5]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 2 [3] enables an order declaring a quarantine area in connection with a declared disease to prohibit or restrict the movement of fish or marine vegetation or specified fish or marine vegetation into, within or out of the area.

Schedule 2 [4] corrects a reference to a quarantine area.

Schedule 2 [8] inserts proposed sections 209C and 209D. Proposed section 209C enables the Minister to declare a quarantine area for the purposes of dealing with

noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation. The provisions will be equivalent to those in force in relation to declared diseases (including the amendments made by the proposed Act). Proposed section 209D makes it an offence to intentionally or recklessly release into any waters live noxious fish or live noxious marine vegetation.

Schedule 2 [9] increases the maximum penalty for selling noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation to \$55,000 for a corporation and \$11,000 for an individual.

Schedule 2 [10] enables regulations to be made with respect to eliminating or preventing the spread of noxious fish and noxious marine vegetation, including regulations providing for notifications and destruction of such fish or vegetation.

Schedule 2 [11] makes it clear that the power of fisheries officers to conduct a search includes a power to take photographs and video recordings.

Schedule 2 [12] enables regulations containing savings and transitional provisions to be made consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 3 Amendment of Noxious Weeds Act 1993 No 11

Schedule 3 [2] increases the maximum term of an emergency weed control order from 3 months to 12 months.

Schedule 3 [3] provides for emergency weed control orders to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website.

Schedule 3 [1] makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 3 [4] reduces the period within which an occupier must notify a local authority of a notifiable weed after becoming aware of the weed from 3 days to 24 hours.

Schedule 3 [5] requires a person who, in a professional capacity, becomes aware or suspects that a notifiable weed is on land to notify the applicable local authority within 24 hours. It will be an offence not to do so.

Schedule 3 [6] enables the Minister to declare land to be a quarantine area if the Minister thinks that Class 1 or 2 noxious weeds (notifiable weeds) are reasonably likely to spread to the land.

Schedule 3 [7] provides for orders declaring quarantine areas to be published urgently in a newspaper or on a Government website.

Schedule 3 [8] extends the maximum period for which such an order is in force from 6 months to 12 months.

Schedule 3 [9] confers on inspectors and authorised officers who enter premises power to test, treat or disinfect any noxious weed material or matter containing suspected noxious weed material.

Schedule 3 [10] confers on inspectors and authorised officers who enter premises power to test, treat or disinfest any box, container, package or receptacle that they reasonably suspect contains any noxious weed material or matter containing suspected noxious weed material.

Schedule 3 [11] prohibits a court from making an interim injunction or any other interim order or giving interim relief if it would have the effect of preventing or deferring the taking of any emergency action during an emergency period relating to a notifiable weed emergency. The Minister may, by order, declare that a notifiable weed emergency exists or is imminent and specify the emergency period for which emergency actions may be taken. The provisions do not prevent a court from making a permanent injunction or a final order in proceedings at any time.

Schedule 3 [12] enables regulations containing savings and transitional provisions to be made consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 4 Amendment of Plant Diseases Act 1924 No 38

Schedule 4 [2] inserts definitions of *emergency disease*, *emergency pest*, *land* and *treat*.

Schedule 4 [3] includes infested as part of the meaning of the term *infected*.

Schedule 4 [5] makes it clear that the Minister may require measures to be taken under an order made for the purposes of treating, preventing the spread of or eradicating a plant disease or plant pest affecting plants or fruit that are not infected.

Schedule 4 [7] provides for such orders to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website. **Schedule 4 [4] and [6]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 4 [8] updates an outdated reference to the Government Gazette.

Schedule 4 [10] provides for declarations of quarantine areas to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website.

Schedule 4 [9] makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 4 [11] enables an inspector to accept an undertaking on behalf of the Minister, as an alternative to a Ministerial declaration of a quarantine area. Currently, only the Minister may accept such an undertaking.

Schedule 4 [14] provides for notifications of special regulations for quarantine areas to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website. **Schedule 4 [12] and [13]** make consequential amendments.

Schedule 4 [15] requires an inspector or the Director-General to be notified by the owner or occupier of land, a person in possession or control of a plant, plant product or soil or a person consulted in a professional capacity, of the presence or suspected

presence of an emergency disease or emergency pest or other proclaimed diseases or pests (notifiable diseases and pests).

Schedule 4 [16] confers on inspectors powers to enter any land, premises, vehicle or vessel for the purpose of carrying out surveillance work in relation to plants, coverings or things if they reasonably suspect that a disease or pest is present or is likely to spread to that land, premises, vehicle or vessel. **Schedule 4 [17]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 4 [18] enables inspectors who enter premises to take photographs or video recordings.

Schedule 4 [19] enables a control order made by the Minister to authorise an inspector to destroy or dispose of plants or fruit or coverings for plants or fruit or other property, if the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that it is necessary to do so in order to eradicate or prevent the spread of an emergency disease or emergency pest.

Schedule 4 [20] increases the maximum period that a control order may be in force from 6 months to 12 months.

Schedule 4 [21] removes the right to object to things authorised by a control order if the control order relates to an emergency disease or emergency pest.

Schedule 4 [22] and [23] extend the period for which particular land or premises may be quarantined by an inspector from 21 days to 40 days.

Schedule 4 [24] expands the power of inspectors to require persons to answer questions. An inspector will be able to require persons to answer questions relevant to the control or eradication or prevention of the spread of a disease or pest and require records or other documents to be produced.

Schedule 4 [25] makes it an offence, without reasonable excuse, to fail to produce a record or other document at the request of an inspector.

Schedule 4 [26] removes the privilege against self-incrimination in relation to requirements to provide information and answer questions made by inspectors but provides that any such information or answer is not admissible as evidence against the person in criminal proceedings (except in relation to false information or other offences about complying with inspectors' requirements).

Schedule 4 [27] prohibits a court from making an interim injunction or any other interim order or giving interim relief if it would have the effect of preventing or deferring the taking of any emergency action during an emergency period relating to emergency diseases and pests. The Minister may, by order, declare that a plant disease emergency exists involving an emergency disease or emergency pest or is imminent and specify the emergency period for which emergency actions may be taken. The provisions do not prevent a court from making a permanent injunction or a final order in proceedings at any time.

Schedule 4 [28] makes it clear that the provision prohibiting payment of compensation for things done by inspectors and others does not prevent compensation being paid under an agreement entered into by the State.

Schedule 4 [29] changes the process for declarations of diseases and other matters from a proclamation made by the Governor to an order made by the Minister. **Schedule 4 [1]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 4 [30] enables any thing to be declared a plant disease.

Schedule 4 [31] enables the Minister to make an order declaring a disease to be an emergency disease or a pest to be an emergency pest.

Schedule 4 [32] provides for orders made by the Minister declaring plant diseases and other matters to be published urgently in a newspaper, a radio or television broadcast or on a Government website.

Schedule 4 [33] provides for orders or notifications made or given under the Act to commence on publication or on such later day as may be specified in them.

Schedule 4 [34] enables regulations containing savings and transitional provisions to be made consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 4 [35] continues existing proclamations in force.

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No. , 2012

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Animal Diseases (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991*, the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* and the *Plant Diseases Act 1924* to make further provision with respect to biosecurity; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
(1) This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act, except as provided by subsection (2).	6 7
(2) Schedule 1 commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.	8 9

Schedule 1	Amendment of Animal Diseases (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991 No 73	1 2
[1] Long title		3
	Insert “and certain animal pests” after “other animals”.	4
[2] Section 1 Name of Act		5
	Insert “ <i>and Animal Pests</i> ” after “ <i>Animal Diseases</i> ”.	6
[3] Section 6B		7
	Insert after section 6A:	8
	6B Meaning of “emergency animal pest”	9
	(1) For the purposes of this Act, <i>emergency animal pest</i> means any animal that is not indigenous to a particular area and is an animal of a kind declared by the Minister, by order in writing, to be an emergency animal pest for the purposes of this Act.	10 11 12 13
	(2) An order by the Minister under this section:	14
	(a) comes into force on the date that it is signed, and	15
	(b) must be published in the Gazette within 14 days after that date.	16 17
	(3) An order that is not published within 14 days after it is made is taken (unless it has already been revoked) to have been revoked at the end of that 14-day period.	18 19 20
[4] Section 11A Extent of declaration		21
	Omit “or vehicles”. Insert instead “, vehicles or other things”.	22
[5] Section 11A (2)		23
	Insert at the end of section 11A:	24
	(2) For the purposes of this section, a declaration may identify a class or description of things that are not animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles as affected by the declaration if those things are or could be infected with an emergency animal disease, or could assist the spread of infection of an emergency animal disease.	25 26 27 28 29 30
[6] Section 12 Permit for entry or exit		31
	Omit “or soil” from section 12 (1) (c). Insert instead “, soil or other thing”.	32

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[7] Section 12 (2)	1
Omit “or vehicle”. Insert instead “, vehicle or thing”.	2
[8] Section 12 (2) (b)	3
Omit “or soil”. Insert instead “, soil or other things”.	4
[9] Section 13 Entry and exit points	5
Omit “or soil” from section 13 (1) (b). Insert instead “, soil or other thing”.	6
[10] Section 13 (3) (c)	7
Omit “or vehicle”. Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	8
[11] Section 15 Declaration of restricted areas	9
Omit “or vehicles” from section 15 (2).	10
Insert instead “, vehicles or other things”.	11
[12] Section 15 (3)	12
Insert after section 15 (2):	13
(3) For the purposes of this section, a declaration may identify a class or description of things that are not animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles as affected by the declaration if those things are or could be infected with an emergency animal disease, or could assist the spread of infection of an emergency animal disease.	14 15 16 17 18 19
[13] Section 16 Permit for entry or exit	20
Omit “or vehicles” from section 16 (1).	21
Insert instead “, vehicles or other things”.	22
[14] Section 16 (2)	23
Omit “or vehicle”. Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	24
[15] Section 18 Entry and exit points	25
Omit “or vehicle” from section 18 (1). Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	26
[16] Section 18 (2)	27
Omit “or vehicles”. Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	28

[17] Section 20 Area restriction order	1
Insert after section 20 (1):	2
(1AA) An area restriction order may also authorise inspectors to take measures specified in the order within the restricted area for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal disease.	3 4 5 6
[18] Section 20 (2)	7
Insert “or authorise” after “require” wherever occurring.	8
[19] Section 22 Control orders	9
Insert “or specified part of the control area” after “control area” in section 22 (1) (a) (v).	10 11
[20] Section 22 (1A)	12
Insert after section 22 (1):	13
(1A) A control order may also authorise inspectors to take measures specified in the order within the control area or a specified part of the control area for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal disease.	14 15 16 17
[21] Section 24 Permits	18
Omit “or restricted area” from section 24 (1) (a).	19
Insert instead “, restricted area or control area”.	20
[22] Section 24 (2A)	21
Omit “Minister”. Insert instead “Director-General”.	22
[23] Part 3A	23
Insert after Part 3:	24
Part 3A Control of emergency animal pests	25
Division 1 Duties	26
27A Duty to notify	27
A person:	28
(a) who owns any premises on which the person suspects there is an emergency animal pest, or	29 30

(b)	who owns, or is in charge of, or has in his or her possession or control, an animal that the person suspects is an emergency animal pest, or	1 2 3
(c)	who, in a professional capacity, is consulted in relation to an animal that the person suspects is an emergency animal pest, or in relation to land or premises on which the person suspects there is an emergency animal pest,	4 5 6 7
	and who does not, as soon as possible after becoming aware of or suspecting the presence of the emergency animal pest, report it to an inspector by the quickest means of communication available to the person is guilty of an offence.	8 9 10 11
	Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.	12
27B	Release of emergency animal pests	13
(1)	A person must not:	14
(a)	intentionally or recklessly, do or cause or permit the doing of an act that is likely to result in the spread of emergency animal pests on any land, or	15 16 17
(b)	threaten to do an act or to cause or permit the doing of an act that is likely to result in the spread of emergency animal pests on any land.	18 19 20
	Maximum penalty: 1,000 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years, or both.	21 22
(2)	This section does not apply to a person who has the authority of the Director-General to be in possession of an emergency animal pest and who is acting in accordance with the regulations.	23 24 25
Division 2	Infested places	26
27C	Declaration of infested place	27
(1)	If the Minister reasonably suspects any premises, place or area within the State to be infested with an emergency animal pest, the Minister may by order declare it to be an infested place.	28 29 30
(2)	The declaration must identify the classes or descriptions of animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things that are affected by the declaration.	31 32 33
(3)	For the purposes of this section, a declaration may identify a class or description of things that are not animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles as affected by the declaration if those things are or could be infested with emergency animal pests, or could assist the spread of infestation of emergency animal pests.	34 35 36 37 38

(4)	Written notice of the declaration must be given to the owner or person in charge of or in apparent control of the premises, place or area to which the order relates.	1 2 3
27D	Permit for entry or exit	4
(1)	A person (other than an inspector) who:	5
(a)	enters or leaves any premises, place or area declared to be an infested place, or	6 7
(b)	causes, permits or assists any other person to enter or leave any such premises, place or area, or	8 9
(c)	brings, moves or takes, or allows any person to bring, move or take, any animal product, fodder, fitting, soil or other thing to which the relevant declaration applies into, within or out of any such premises, place or area, or	10 11 12 13
(d)	causes, permits or assists any vehicle to enter or leave any premises, place or area declared to be an infested place,	14 15
	is guilty of an offence unless the person is authorised to do so by a permit and the person complies with any conditions set out in the permit.	16 17 18
	Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.	19 20
(2)	Without limiting the powers of an inspector to attach conditions to a permit, a permit may be issued subject to the condition that the holder of the permit, or the animal product, fodder, fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing to which the permit relates:	21 22 23 24
(a)	must first be effectively disinfected to the satisfaction of the inspector and in a manner specified by the inspector before leaving or being taken out of the infested place, and	25 26 27
(b)	must not go or be brought to any other premises or place where any specified animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or other things are located.	28 29 30
27E	Entry and exit points	31
(1)	Any movement of:	32
(a)	any vehicle affected by the relevant declaration into or out of an infested place, or	33 34
(b)	any animal product, fodder, fittings, soil or other thing affected by the relevant declaration into or out of an infested place, or	35 36 37
(c)	any person into or out of any such infested place,	38

- must be made only through a point or points specified in a notice issued by an inspector to the person in charge, or in apparent control, of the infested place. 1
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- (2) The inspector may cause the notice to be published in a local newspaper or on the Department's internet website, or both. 4
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- (3) A person who knows or has reason to believe any premises, place or area to be an infested place and who, in contravention of this section: 6
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- (a) goes into or out of the infested place, or 9
- (b) moves any other person into or out of the infested place, or 10
- (c) moves any animal product, fodder, fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing affected by the relevant declaration into or out of the infested place, 11
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- is guilty of an offence. 14
- Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both. 15
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Division 3 Restricted areas 17

27F Declaration of restricted area 18

- (1) If, in the opinion of the Minister, there is a possibility that any premises, place or area within the State may be or become infested with an emergency animal pest, the Minister may by order in writing declare the premises, place or area concerned to be a restricted area. 19
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- (2) The declaration must identify the boundaries of the restricted area and the classes or descriptions of animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things that are affected by it. 24
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- (3) For the purposes of this section, a declaration may identify a class or description of things that are not animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles as affected by the declaration if those things are or could be infested with emergency animal pests, or could assist the spread of infestation of emergency animal pests. 27
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- (4) Notice of an order declaring any premises, place or area to be a restricted area must be published: 32
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- (a) in the Gazette, and 34
- (b) in a local newspaper or on the Department's internet website, or both. 35
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(5)	An order of which notice has not been so published within 14 days after it was made is taken (unless it has already been revoked) to have been revoked at the end of that 14-day period.	1 2 3
27G	Permit for entry or exit	4
(1)	A person who causes or permits any animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things to which the relevant declaration applies to be moved into, within or out of a restricted area is guilty of an offence unless the person is authorised to do so by a permit and the person complies with any condition set out in the permit. Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
(2)	Without limiting the powers of an inspector to attach conditions to a permit, a permit referred to in subsection (1) may be issued subject to the condition that the holder of the permit, or the animal product, fodder, fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing to which the permit relates, is effectively disinfected to the satisfaction of the inspector and in a manner specified by the inspector, before leaving or being taken out of the restricted area.	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
27H	Variation of boundaries of restricted areas including parts of roadways	20 21
(1)	The boundaries of a restricted area as fixed by the relevant declaration may be varied, in so far as a restricted area includes any part of a roadway, by moving, in a manner appropriate to the new boundary, any sign placed pursuant to this Act as an indicator of the boundaries of the restricted area across the roadway.	22 23 24 25 26 27
(2)	The variation takes effect when the sign is moved to indicate the variation.	28 29
27I	Entry and exit points	30
(1)	Any movement of any animal product, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicle or other thing affected by the relevant declaration into or out of a restricted area must be made only through a point or points specified in a notice issued by an inspector and published in a local newspaper or on the Department's internet website, or both.	31 32 33 34 35 36
(2)	A person who knows, or has reason to believe, that any premises, place or area has been constituted a restricted area and who moves any animal product, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicle or other thing affected by the relevant declaration into or out of the	37 38 39 40

	premises, place or area in contravention of this section is guilty of an offence.	1 2
	Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.	3 4
27J	Area restriction order	5
(1)	The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette (an <i>area restriction order</i>), direct all or any specified persons or class of persons within a restricted area to take measures specified in the order for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest.	6 7 8 9 10
(2)	An area restriction order may also authorise inspectors to take measures specified in the order within the restricted area for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest.	11 12 13 14
(3)	An area restriction order must also be published in a local newspaper or on the Department's internet website, or both.	15 16
(4)	An area restriction order takes effect on publication and may do any of the following:	17 18
(a)	require or authorise premises, vehicles or things (including soil) to be disinfected,	19 20
(b)	require or authorise inspectors to take measures specified in the order within the restricted area for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest,	21 22 23 24
(c)	require or authorise other measures to be taken which the Minister considers reasonably necessary in the circumstances.	25 26 27
(5)	A person who contravenes an area restriction order is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.	28 29 30 31
Division 4	Control areas	32
27K	Declaration of control area	33
(1)	The Minister may by order in writing declare any premises, place or area within the State to be a control area if, in the opinion of the Minister, this is reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing the spread of an emergency animal pest.	34 35 36 37
(2)	The declaration must identify the boundaries of the control area.	38

(3)	Notice of an order declaring any premises, place or area to be a control area must be published:	1
	(a) in the Gazette, and	2
	(b) in a local newspaper or on the Department's internet website, or both.	3
(4)	An order of which notice has not been so published within 14 days after it was made is taken (unless it has already been revoked) to have been revoked at the end of that 14-day period.	4
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27L	Control orders	9
(1)	The Minister may, with respect to the whole or a specified part of a control area, by order in writing (a <i>control order</i>):	10
	(a) prohibit, regulate or control the movement of specified animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things into, out of or within the control area or specified part of the area, or	11
	(b) order all or any specified persons within the control area or specified part of the area to take such measures as the Minister thinks fit to contain or eradicate the emergency animal pests, or	12
	(c) authorise inspectors to take measures specified in the order within the control area or specified part of the area for the purpose of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of the emergency animal pests.	13
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(2)	A person who contravenes a control order is guilty of an offence. Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.	16
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(3)	A person does not commit an offence under subsection (2) of contravening a control order if the act constituting the contravention is authorised by a permit granted to the person.	20
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(4)	An order made in accordance with subsection (1) (b) must specify:	24
	(a) the control area or the specified part of a control area to which the order relates, and	25
	(b) the persons, or the specified persons, to whom the order applies, and	26
	(c) the measures that those persons must take.	27
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Division 5	General	1
27M	Permits	2
(1)	An inspector may grant a permit authorising:	3
(a)	the entry to or exit from, or movement within, an infested place, restricted area or control area, or	4 5
(b)	the carrying out of any activity that is the subject of a control order.	6 7
(2)	The permit has effect for the period of time, and subject to any conditions, specified by the inspector in the permit. The inspector may specify such conditions as the inspector thinks fit, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the emergency animal pest and of the place or area to which the permit applies.	8 9 10 11 12
(3)	Without limiting the basis on which permits may be granted, a permit may be granted on a general basis so that it applies to a specified class of persons. Any such general permit may be granted by such means as may be approved by the Director-General.	13 14 15 16 17
(4)	Any inspector may revoke or vary a permit at any time by notice in writing to the holder of the permit. In the case of a permit that has been granted on a general basis to a specified class of persons, notice of the revocation or variation may be published on the Department's internet website.	18 19 20 21 22
(5)	The holder of a permit that has been revoked must, on request by the inspector, immediately deliver the revoked permit to the inspector who revoked it or to a person nominated by that inspector.	23 24 25 26
	Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.	27
27N	Restraint of persons	28
	An inspector may, if in the inspector's opinion it is necessary to do so, use reasonable force to restrain a person who is acting contrary to a requirement of this Part from so acting.	29 30 31
27O	Interfering with fence or gate in declared area	32
	A person must not break down, damage or leave open a fence, gate or fastening:	33 34
(a)	that is used for confining any animal, or regulating or preventing the movement of any animal, and	35 36
(b)	that provides access to, or is within, a declared area.	37
	Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.	38

27P Other functions and liabilities not affected	1
Nothing in this Part in any way limits or affects:	2
(a) the functions of an inspector under this Act, or	3
(b) the liability of any person for an offence under any other provision of this Act.	4
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[24] Section 28 Entry of animals etc from outside State	6
Omit “or soil” from section 28 (1) wherever occurring.	7
Insert instead “, soil or other things”.	8
[25] Section 28 (1A)	9
Insert after section 28 (1):	10
(1A) If the Minister reasonably suspects any premises, place or area outside the State to be infested with an emergency animal pest, the Minister may by order in writing (an <i>importation order</i>) absolutely prohibit, or impose conditions on, the entry or importation into the State of emergency animal pests, animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil, vehicles or other things identified by the order.	11
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[26] Section 28 (2)	18
Omit “or vehicles except at places specified in the declaration”.	19
Insert instead “, vehicles or other things”.	20
[27] Section 28 (2)	21
Omit “and vehicles”. Insert instead “, vehicles and other things”.	22
[28] Section 28 (3)	23
Insert after section 28 (2):	24
(3) For the purposes of this section, an order may identify a class or description of things that are not animals, animal products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles if those things are or could be infected with an emergency animal disease or infested with an emergency animal pest, or could assist the spread of infection of an emergency animal disease or the spread of infestation of an emergency animal pest.	25
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[29] Section 31 Contravention of importation order	32
Omit “or vehicle”. Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	33

[30] Section 32 Destruction of animals, premises and other property	1
Omit “domestic” wherever occurring in section 32 (1) (a) and (c) and (3).	2
[31] Section 32 (1) (b)	3
Omit “or vehicle”. Insert instead “, vehicle or other thing”.	4
[32] Section 32 (1A)	5
Insert after section 32 (1):	6
(1A) The Minister may by order in writing (a <i>destruction order</i>)	7
require the destruction of:	8
(a) any emergency animal pest, or	9
(b) any premises (other than a dwelling) or any animal, animal	10
product, fodder, fittings or other thing which the Minister	11
reasonably suspects to be infested with an emergency	12
animal pest and which cannot be effectively disinfected.	13
[33] Section 32 (2) (a)	14
Omit “a domestic animal”.	15
Insert instead “an emergency animal pest or other animal”.	16
[34] Section 32 (2) (b)	17
Omit “domestic animal”.	18
Insert instead “emergency animal pest or other animal”.	19
[35] Section 32 (2) (c)	20
Omit “or vehicles” wherever occurring.	21
Insert instead “, vehicles or other things”.	22
[36] Section 32 (4)	23
Insert after section 32 (3):	24
(4) The Minister must not order the destruction of an animal that is	25
protected fauna within the meaning of the <i>National Parks and</i>	26
<i>Wildlife Act 1974</i> unless the Minister has consulted the Minister	27
administering the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> about the	28
order.	29
[37] Section 33 Notice of destruction order	30
Insert “emergency animal pest or other” before “animal”.	31

[38] Section 34 Enforcement of destruction order	1
Omit “domestic animal” from section 34 (1).	2
Insert instead “emergency animal pest or other animal”.	3
[39] Section 34 (2)	4
Insert “(if any)” after “person in charge”.	5
[40] Section 35 Quarantine of places and vehicles	6
Omit “or soil” wherever occurring. Insert instead “, soil or other thing”.	7
[41] Section 35 (1) and (2)	8
Omit “on to or out of” wherever occurring.	9
Insert instead “on to, within or out of”.	10
[42] Section 35 (1AA)	11
Insert after section 35 (1):	12
(1AA) An inspector may by order in writing (a <i>quarantine order</i>)	13
quarantine and keep secure any premises or place, or part of any	14
premises or place, so as to prohibit or restrict the movement of	15
any suspected emergency animal pest, animal product, fodder,	16
fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing on to, within or out of the	17
premises or place, if the inspector:	18
(a) reasonably suspects the premises or place concerned to be	19
infested with an emergency animal pest, and	20
(b) believes on reasonable grounds that, in order to prevent the	21
spread of the suspected emergency animal pest, it is	22
necessary to make the order.	23
[43] Section 35 (1B)	24
Insert after section 35 (1A):	25
(1B) For the purposes of this section, a quarantine order may identify	26
a class or description of things that are not animals, animal	27
products, fodder, fittings, soil or vehicles if those things are or	28
could be infected with an emergency animal disease or infested	29
with an emergency animal pest, or could assist the spread of	30
infection of an emergency animal disease or infestation of an	31
emergency animal pest.	32
[44] Section 36 Duration of quarantine order	33
Insert “relating to an emergency animal disease” after “quarantine order”.	34

[45] Section 36 (2)	1
Insert at the end of section 36:	2
(2) A quarantine order relating to an emergency animal pest is in force only:	3
(a) for a period of 40 days from the giving of notice of the order, or	4
(b) for such shorter or longer period as the Director-General determines.	5
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[46] Section 38A Undertaking in certain cases	9
Omit “or soil on to or out of” from section 38A (3).	10
Insert instead “, soil or other thing on to, within or out of”.	11
[47] Section 39 Disinfection of places and vehicles	12
Omit “or soil” from section 39 (1) (a) (ii). Insert instead “, soil or other thing”.	13
[48] Section 39 (1A)	14
Insert after section 39 (1):	15
(1A) An inspector may by order in writing (a <i>disinfection order</i>) direct:	16
(a) the owner or person in charge or in apparent control of any premises or place to disinfect the premises or place (along with any fodder, fitting, soil or other thing within the premises or place and any vehicle within the premises or place), and	17
(b) any other person entering or leaving any premises or place to disinfect any vehicle or other thing on or about them,	18
if the inspector reasonably suspects the premises or place is infested with an emergency animal pest.	19
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[49] Section 41 Seizure for unauthorised movements	27
Omit “or soil”. Insert instead “, soil or other thing”.	28
[50] Section 41 (b)	29
Insert “or infested with an emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease”.	30
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[51] Section 41 (c)	32
Insert “or there are emergency animal pests” after “emergency animal disease”.	33
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[52] Section 42 Seized animals and property	1
Insert “or emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease” in section 42 (1).	2 3
[53] Section 43 Verbal and documentary information	4
Insert “or emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease” in section 43 (1).	5 6
[54] Section 43 (1) (a)	7
Insert “or pest” after “disease” wherever occurring.	8
[55] Section 45 Search and entry and other powers	9
Omit “authorised” from section 45 (1).	10
[56] Section 45 (1) (h)	11
Omit the paragraph. Insert instead:	12
(h) inspect, examine, test, disinfect, fumigate, take samples from or take photographs or video recordings of any premises, place, area, fodder, fitting, soil, vehicle or other thing,	13 14 15 16
[57] Section 45 (1) (i)	17
Insert “emergency animal pest or” before “free-living animal”.	18
[58] Section 45 (2)	19
Insert “, a declaration of a control area” after “infected place”.	20
[59] Section 46 Requiring assistance	21
Insert “or infested with an emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease” in section 46 (1) (a).	22 23
[60] Section 46 (2) (h)	24
Insert after section 46 (2) (g):	25
(h) disinfect any premises, place, area or vehicle.	26
[61] Part 6, heading	27
Insert “and Pests” after “Diseases”.	28
[62] Section 51 Establishment of the Fund	29
Insert “and Pests” after “Diseases”.	30

[63] Section 51	1
Insert “or emergency animal pests” after “emergency animal diseases”.	2
[64] Section 52 Payments to the Fund	3
Insert “or emergency animal pests” after “emergency animal diseases” in section 52 (a).	4 5
[65] Section 53 Purposes of the Fund	6
Insert “or emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease” wherever occurring in section 53 (a).	7 8
[66] Section 67 Delegation	9
Insert at the end of the section:	10
(2) The Director-General may delegate the exercise of any function of the Director-General under this Act (other than this power of delegation) to:	11 12 13
(a) any member of staff of the Department, or	14
(b) any person, or any class of persons, authorised for the purposes of this section by the regulations.	15 16
[67] Section 70AA	17
Insert after section 70:	18
70AA Reasonable suspicion of emergency animal pest infestation	19
(1) For the purposes of this Act, an animal, place or thing may reasonably be suspected of being infested with an emergency animal pest if there is reason to think:	20 21 22
(a) that an emergency animal pest is present in or on the animal, place or thing, or	23 24
(b) that there is present in or on the place or thing a vehicle or thing that has been in or on another place when an emergency animal pest was present in or on that other place.	25 26 27 28
(2) This section does not prejudice any other evidence or consideration by which an inspector or other person might reasonably suspect that an animal, place or thing is infested with an emergency animal pest.	29 30 31 32
[68] Section 76 Protection of control programs	33
Insert “or an incursion of an emergency animal pest” after “emergency animal disease” wherever occurring in section 76 (1) and (2).	34 35

[69] Section 76 (1) (b)	1
Insert “or pest” after “the disease”.	2
[70] Schedule 1 Savings and transitional provisions	3
Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):	4
<i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity)</i>	5
<i>Act 2012</i>	6
[71] Dictionary, definition of “disinfected”	7
Insert “or infestation” after “infection”.	8
[72] Dictionary	9
Insert in alphabetical order:	10
<i>emergency animal pest</i> —see section 6B.	11
[73] Dictionary, definition of “Fund”	12
Insert “and Pests” after “Diseases”.	13
[74] Dictionary, definition of “treatment”	14
Omit the definition. Insert instead:	15
<i>treatment</i> means any procedure:	16
(a) for curing, or for the alleviation, control, prevention or	17
eradication of, an emergency animal disease, and includes	18
vaccination, or	19
(b) for the alleviation, control, prevention or eradication of an	20
emergency animal pest.	21

Schedule 2	Amendment of Fisheries Management Act 1994 No 38	1
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[1] Sections 181 and 183		3
	Insert “or boat” after “area” where firstly occurring in the definition of <i>quarantine area</i> in section 181 and in section 183 (1).	4 5
[2] Section 183 Minister may declare quarantine area		6
	Omit section 183 (3). Insert instead:	7
	(3) An order declaring a quarantine area is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the order is required urgently, the order may be published:	8 9 10
	(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the order applies, or	11 12
	(b) on the Department’s internet website.	13
	(3A) The order is not required to be so published if served on the owner or occupier of the area or boat concerned.	14 15
	(3B) The order commences on the day it is published or served in accordance with this section, or on such later day as may be specified in the order.	16 17 18
[3] Section 183 (4) (a2)		19
	Insert after section 183 (4) (a1):	20
	(a2) prohibit or restrict the movement of fish or marine vegetation or specified fish or marine vegetation into, within or out of the quarantine area, and	21 22 23
[4] Section 183 (4) (b)		24
	Insert “quarantine” before “area”.	25
[5] Section 183 (4)		26
	Omit “in the Gazette”. Insert instead “in accordance with this section”.	27
[6] Section 183 (4A) (b)		28
	Omit “(including any boat) within a quarantine area”.	29
	Insert instead “or boat that is within a quarantine area or the master of any such boat”.	30 31
[7] Section 187 Regulations relating to diseased fish and marine vegetation		32
	Insert “or in or on a boat” after “other place” in section 187 (2) (c).	33

[8] Sections 209C and 209D	1
Insert after section 209B:	2
209C Minister may declare quarantine area	3
(1) The Minister may, by order, declare any area or boat specified in the order to be a quarantine area because of the presence or suspected presence of noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation.	4 5 6
(2) An area may be declared a quarantine area if:	7
(a) it is subject to an aquaculture permit, or	8
(b) it is an area of water, or	9
(c) it is an area in the immediate vicinity of an area of water, or	10
(d) it is a pet shop or an aquarium kept for commercial purposes or other place where noxious fish or suspected noxious fish are found that is used for commercial purposes.	11 12 13 14
(3) An order declaring a quarantine area is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the order is required urgently, the order may be published:	15 16 17
(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the order applies, or	18 19
(b) on the Department's internet website.	20
(4) The order is not required to be so published if served on the owner or occupier of the area or boat concerned.	21 22
(5) The order commences on the day it is published or served in accordance with this section, or on such later day as may be specified in the order.	23 24 25
(6) An order declaring a quarantine area may:	26
(a) prohibit the taking of fish or marine vegetation or specified fish or marine vegetation in or from the quarantine area, and	27 28 29
(b) prohibit or restrict the movement of fish or marine vegetation or specified fish or marine vegetation into, within or out of the quarantine area, and	30 31 32
(c) exclude specified provisions of this Division in respect of any fish or marine vegetation, or specified fish or marine vegetation, taken from or deposited in the quarantine area or any part of the quarantine area, and	33 34 35 36
(d) require a relevant person to take such action as is specified in the order or directed by a fisheries officer (including the	37 38

destruction or treatment of fish or marine vegetation cultivated or located in the quarantine area), and	1
(e) contain any other provisions authorised by the regulations.	2
If the order is not published in accordance with this section, the provisions of the order apply only to the persons on whom the order is served.	3
(7) For the purposes of this section, a <i>relevant person</i> means:	4
(a) the holder of an aquaculture permit in respect of a quarantine area or part of a quarantine area, or	5
(b) the owner or occupier of any land or premises or any boat that is or is within a quarantine area or the master of any such boat.	6
(8) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a provision of an order declaring a quarantine area is guilty of an offence.	7
Maximum penalty: In the case of a corporation, 1,000 penalty units or, in any other case, 500 penalty units.	8
(9) If a relevant person fails to take any action required by an order declaring a quarantine area, a fisheries officer may enter the quarantine area and take the required action.	9
(10) Subsection (9) does not authorise a fisheries officer to enter any premises used for residential purposes.	10
(11) If the fisheries officer takes such action:	11
(a) the relevant person is not entitled to any compensation for any loss reasonably caused in taking that action, and	12
(b) the Minister may recover from the relevant person the costs of taking that action as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.	13
209D Release of noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation prohibited	14
(1) A person must not intentionally or recklessly release into any waters any live noxious fish or live noxious marine vegetation otherwise than under the authority of a permit issued by the Minister for the purposes of this section.	15
Maximum penalty: In the case of a corporation, 500 penalty units or, in any other case, 100 penalty units.	16
(2) This section does not apply:	17
(a) if the fish are released in waters in which they are not noxious fish, or the marine vegetation is released in waters	18

	in which it is not noxious marine vegetation, for the purposes of this Division, or	1
	(b) to the immediate return of fish to waters from which they were taken.	2
	(3) In this section, <i>release</i> fish or marine vegetation includes depositing them or permitting them to escape.	3
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[9]	Section 210 Sale of noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation prohibited	7
	Omit “100 penalty units or, in any other case, 50 penalty units”.	8
	Insert instead “500 penalty units or, in any other case, 100 penalty units”.	9
[10]	Section 214B	10
	Insert after section 214A:	11
214B	Regulations relating to noxious fish and noxious marine vegetation	12
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	(1) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to eliminating or preventing the spread of noxious fish and noxious marine vegetation.	14
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	(2) In particular, the regulations may make provision for or with respect to the following:	17
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	(a) the destruction of noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation,	19
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	(b) the examination and testing of fish or marine vegetation taken from or found in a quarantine area,	21
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	(c) the notification to the Minister or a fisheries officer of the presence or suspected presence of noxious fish or noxious marine vegetation in an area subject to an aquaculture permit, pet shop, aquarium or other place or in or on a boat.	23
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[11]	Section 242 Power of seizure	27
	Insert “and to take photographs and video recordings of the thing” after “inspect the thing” in section 242 (1).	28
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[12]	Schedule 7 Savings, transitional and other provisions	30
	Insert at the end of clause 2 (1):	31
	<i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012</i>	32
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Schedule 3	Amendment of Noxious Weeds Act 1993	1
	No 11	2
[1]	Section 10 Emergency weed control orders	3
	Omit “, by order published in the Gazette,” from section 10 (1).	4
[2]	Section 10 (2)	5
	Omit “3 months”. Insert instead “12 months”.	6
[3]	Section 10 (2A)–(2C)	7
	Insert after section 10 (2):	8
	(2A) An emergency weed control order is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the order is required urgently, the order may be published:	9
	(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area in which the land subject to the order is located, or, if appropriate, in a newspaper circulating throughout the whole State, or	10
	(b) on the Department’s internet website.	11
	(2B) If an order is published in accordance with subsection (2A) other than in the Gazette, the Minister is to publish the order as soon as practicable in the Gazette.	12
	(2C) The order commences on the day it is first published in accordance with this section, or on such later day as may be specified in the order.	13
[4]	Section 15 Occupiers of land must notify local control authority of notifiable weeds	14
	Omit “3 days”. Insert instead “24 hours”.	15
[5]	Section 16A	16
	Insert after section 16:	17
16A	Duty of other persons to notify local control authority of notifiable weeds	18
	A person who, in a professional capacity, becomes aware or suspects that a plant on land is a notifiable weed must notify the local control authority for the land of that fact within 24 hours of becoming aware or suspecting that the notifiable weed is on the land.	19
	Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.	20

[6] Section 34A Minister may declare quarantine area	1
Insert “or that the Minister considers are reasonably likely to spread to the land” after “the land” in section 34A (1).	2 3
[7] Section 34A (5)–(5B)	4
Omit section 34A (5). Insert instead:	5
(5) An order declaring land to be a quarantine area must be published in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is located. However, if the Minister considers that the order is urgently required, the order may be published on the Department’s internet website.	6 7 8 9 10
(5A) If an order is published in accordance with subsection (5) on the Department’s internet website, the Minister is to publish the order as soon as practicable in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is located.	11 12 13 14
(5B) The order commences on the day it is first published in accordance with this section, or on such later day as may be specified in the order.	15 16 17
[8] Section 34A (6)	18
Omit “6 months”. Insert instead “12 months”.	19
[9] Section 44 Inspections and investigations	20
Insert after section 44 (c):	21
(c1) test, treat or disinfest any noxious weed material or any vegetable or other matter that the inspector or authorised officer reasonably suspects contains noxious weed material,	22 23 24 25
[10] Section 44 (j)	26
Insert after section 44 (i):	27
(j) test, treat or disinfest any box, container, package or receptacle (including any place that could be used as a receptacle) in or about those premises that the inspector or authorised officer reasonably suspects contains any noxious weed material or vegetable or other matter containing noxious weed material.	28 29 30 31 32 33

[11] Section 64A	1
Insert after section 64:	2
64A Protection of emergency actions	3
(1) The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, declare:	4
(a) that a notifiable weed emergency affects a specified part or the whole of New South Wales or there is a likelihood that such an emergency is imminent in New South Wales, and	5 6 7
(b) that it is necessary to make orders or take other actions under this Act (<i>emergency actions</i>) to control the notifiable weed concerned, and	8 9 10
(c) the specified period (the <i>emergency period</i>) during which emergency actions are required to be taken to enable effective control of the notifiable weed.	11 12 13
(2) A court must not issue an interim injunction, make any other interim order or give any other interim relief having the effect of preventing, restricting or deferring any emergency action or anything authorised or required to be done pursuant to an emergency action during the emergency period.	14 15 16 17 18
(3) An order under this section takes effect on publication or on such later day as is specified in the order.	19 20
(4) This section does not prevent a court from making a permanent injunction or other final order in any proceedings at any time.	21 22
[12] Schedule 2 Savings, transitional and other provisions	23
Insert at the end of clause 2 (1):	24
<i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012</i>	25 26

Schedule 4	Amendment of Plant Diseases Act 1924	1
	No 38	2
[1] Section 3 Definitions		3
	Omit “proclamation” wherever occurring from the definitions of <i>Disease</i> ,	4
	<i>Fruit</i> , <i>Pest</i> and <i>Vegetable</i> in section 3 (1).	5
	Insert instead “order”.	6
[2] Section 3 (1)		7
	Insert in alphabetical order:	8
	<i>Emergency disease</i> means a disease declared by an order under	9
	section 28B to be an emergency disease for the purposes of this	10
	Act.	11
	<i>Emergency pest</i> means a pest declared by an order under section	12
	28B to be an emergency pest for the purposes of this Act.	13
	<i>Land</i> includes:	14
	(a) a bay, inlet, lagoon, lake or body of water, whether inland	15
	or not and whether tidal or non-tidal, and	16
	(b) a watercourse, river or stream, whether tidal or non-tidal.	17
	<i>Treat</i> means carry out a procedure for curing, alleviating,	18
	controlling, preventing or eradicating a disease or pest.	19
[3] Section 3 (1), definition of “Infected”		20
	Insert “or infested” after “infected”.	21
[4] Section 5A Treatment and eradication of diseases and pests		22
	Omit “published in the Gazette” from section 5A (1).	23
[5] Section 5A (2) (c)		24
	Insert “(whether or not infected)” after “any thing”.	25
[6] Section 5A (2) (d)		26
	Omit “in the Gazette”. Insert instead “in accordance with this section”.	27
[7] Section 5A (2A) and (2B)		28
	Insert after section 5A (2):	29
	(2A) An order made by the Minister under this section is to be	30
	published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the	31
	order is required urgently, the order may be published:	32

	(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the order applies, or	1 2
	(b) on the Department's internet website.	3
	(2B) If an order is published in accordance with subsection (2A) (a) or (b), the Minister is to publish the order as soon as practicable in the Gazette.	4 5 6
[8]	Section 5A (3)	7
	Omit the subsection. Insert instead:	8
	(3) Sections 40 and 41 of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> apply to an order made under subsection (1) in the same way as they apply to a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act published on the NSW legislation website.	9 10 11 12
[9]	Section 6 Declaration of quarantine area	13
	Omit "published in the Gazette".	14
[10]	Section 6 (2) and (3)	15
	Insert at the end of section 6:	16
	(2) A notification by the Minister under this section is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the notification is required urgently, the notification may be published:	17 18 19 20
	(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the notification applies, or	21 22
	(b) on the Department's internet website.	23
	(3) If a notification is published in accordance with subsection (2) (a) or (b), the Minister is to publish the notification as soon as practicable in the Gazette.	24 25 26
[11]	Section 7 Undertaking in prescribed cases	27
	Insert after section 7 (3):	28
	(4) For the purposes of this section, an inspector may, on behalf of the Minister, accept an undertaking given by an owner or occupier in a form acceptable to the inspector and release the owner or occupier from an undertaking.	29 30 31 32
[12]	Section 8 Quarantine	33
	Omit "in the Gazette" from section 8 (5).	34

[13] Section 8 (6)	1
Omit “a like”.	2
[14] Section 8 (7) and (8)	3
Insert after section 8 (6):	4
(7) A notification by the Minister under this section is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the notification is required urgently, the notification may be published:	5
(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the notification applies, or	6
(b) on the Department’s internet website.	7
(8) If a notification is published in accordance with subsection (7) (a) or (b), the Minister is to publish the notification as soon as practicable in the Gazette.	8
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[15] Section 10	15
Omit the section. Insert instead:	16
10 Notification of notifiable diseases and pests	17
(1) This section applies to the following diseases and pests (<i>notifiable diseases and pests</i>):	18
(a) emergency diseases and emergency pests,	19
(b) diseases and pests specified for the purposes of this section by the Governor by proclamation published in the Gazette.	20
(2) A person:	21
(a) who owns or occupies any land or premises on which the person suspects there is a notifiable disease or pest, or	22
(b) who owns, or is in charge of, or has in his or her possession or control, a plant, plant product or soil that the person suspects is infected with a notifiable disease or pest, or	23
(c) who is, in a professional capacity, consulted in relation to a plant, plant product or soil that the person suspects is infected with a notifiable disease or pest,	24
and who does not, as soon as possible after becoming aware of or suspecting the presence of the notifiable disease or pest report its presence to an inspector or the Director-General by the quickest means of communication available to the person is guilty of an offence.	25
Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.	26
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[16] Section 13 Powers of inspection	1
Insert before section 13 (1BA):	2
(1BAA) An inspector may enter any land, premises, vehicle or vessel for the purpose of carrying out surveillance work in relation to any plants, coverings or other things if the inspector reasonably suspects that a disease or pest is present at or is likely to spread to that land, premises, vehicle or vessel.	3 4 5 6 7
[17] Section 13 (1BA) (a)	8
Omit “subsection (1B) (a)”. Insert instead “subsection (1BAA) or (1B) (a)”.	9
[18] Section 13 (1BA) (b)	10
Insert “or take photographs or video recordings of” after “take samples of”.	11
[19] Section 13A Control orders	12
Insert after section 13A (1):	13
(1A) If the Minister believes on reasonable grounds that it is necessary to do so in order to eradicate or prevent the spread of an emergency disease or emergency pest, an order may authorise an inspector to do any of the following:	14 15 16 17
(a) destroy or otherwise dispose of any plants or fruit (whether or not infected), or any coverings with which such plants or fruit have been contained,	18 19 20
(b) destroy any other property (other than a dwelling).	21
[20] Section 13A (5)	22
Omit “6 months”. Insert instead “12 months”.	23
[21] Section 13B Objection to certain works authorised by control order	24
Insert after section 13B (3):	25
(4) This section does not apply to an order under section 13A (1) that relates to an emergency disease or emergency pest or to an order referred to in section 13A (1A).	26 27 28
[22] Section 15 Quarantine of infected lands or premises	29
Omit “thereon for a period of not exceeding twenty-one days” from section 15 (1).	30 31
Insert instead “on the land or premises for a specified period”.	32

[23] Section 15 (2) and (3)	1
Omit section 15 (2). Insert instead:	2
(2) The notice may specify the date on which a measure or act is to be taken or done or commenced and the period within which any such measure or act is to be completed.	3 4 5
(3) The quarantine period specified is to be a period not exceeding 40 days, or such other period as the Director-General may determine in a specified case.	6 7 8
[24] Section 18 Power to require information and documents	9
Omit section 18 (1). Insert instead:	10
(1) An inspector may do any of the following for the purposes of controlling, eradicating or preventing the spread of a disease or pest:	11 12 13
(a) require a person to answer any question that the inspector reasonably believes may provide information relevant to the control or eradication of the disease or pest or prevention of the spread of the disease or pest,	14 15 16 17
(b) require a person to produce any record or document,	18
(c) inspect and take extracts from or copies of any record or other document.	19 20
[25] Section 18 (2) (c)	21
Insert at the end of section 18 (2) (b):	22
or	23
(c) without reasonable excuse, fails to produce any record or document,	24 25
[26] Section 18AA	26
Insert after section 18:	27
18AA Protection from incrimination	28
(1) A person is not excused from a requirement under this Act to make a statement, to give or furnish information, to answer a question or to produce a document on the ground that the statement, information, answer or document might incriminate the person or make the person liable to a penalty.	29 30 31 32 33
(2) However, any statement made or any information or answer given or furnished by a natural person in compliance with a requirement under this Act is not admissible in evidence against	34 35 36

the person in criminal proceedings (except proceedings for an offence under section 18, 23 (2), 25A or 25C) if:	1
(a) the person objected at the time to doing so on the ground that it might incriminate the person, or	2
(b) the person was not warned on that occasion that the person may object to making the statement or giving or furnishing the information or answer on the ground that it might incriminate the person.	3
(3) Any document produced by a person in compliance with a requirement under this Act is not inadmissible in evidence against the person in criminal proceedings on the ground that the document might incriminate the person.	4
(4) Further information obtained as a result of a document produced, a statement made or information or answer given or furnished in compliance with a requirement under this Act is not inadmissible on the ground:	5
(a) that the document, statement, information or answer had to be produced, made, given or furnished, or	6
(b) that the document, statement, information or answer might incriminate the person.	7
[27] Section 24A	8
Insert after section 24:	9
24A Protection of emergency actions	10
(1) The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, declare:	11
(a) that a plant disease emergency involving an emergency disease or emergency pest affects a specified part or the whole of New South Wales or there is a likelihood that such an emergency is imminent in New South Wales, and	12
(b) that it is necessary to make orders or take other actions under this Act (<i>emergency actions</i>) to eradicate or prevent the spread of the emergency disease or emergency pest concerned, and	13
(c) the specified period (the <i>emergency period</i>) during which emergency actions are required to be taken to enable the eradication or prevention of the spread of the emergency disease or emergency pest to occur.	14
(2) A court must not issue an interim injunction, make any other interim order or give any other interim relief having the effect of preventing, restricting or deferring any emergency action or	15
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	anything authorised or required to be done pursuant to an emergency action during the emergency period.	1 2
	(3) An order under this section takes effect on publication or on such later day as is specified in the order.	3 4
	(4) This section does not prevent a court from making a permanent injunction or other final order in any proceedings at any time.	5 6
[28]	Section 25 Persons not entitled to compensation	7
	Insert at the end of the section:	8
	(2) This section does not prevent the payment of compensation in accordance with an agreement entered into by this State.	9 10
[29]	Section 28B Orders relating to diseases and pests	11
	Omit “Governor may, by proclamation”.	12
	Insert instead “Minister may, by order”.	13
[30]	Section 28B (a)	14
	Insert “, or any other thing,” after “plants”.	15
[31]	Section 28B (f) and (g)	16
	Insert at the end of section 28B (e):	17
	, and	18
	(f) a disease to be an emergency disease for the purposes of this Act, and	19 20
	(g) a pest to be an emergency pest for the purposes of this Act.	21
[32]	Section 28B (2) and (3)	22
	Insert at the end of section 28B:	23
	(2) An order made by the Minister under this section is to be published in the Gazette. However, if the Minister considers the order is required urgently, the order may be published:	24 25 26
	(a) in a newspaper circulating, or by radio or television broadcast, in the area to which the order applies, or	27 28
	(b) on the Department’s internet website.	29
	(3) If an order is published in accordance with subsection (2) (a) or (b), the Minister is to publish the order as soon as practicable in the Gazette.	30 31 32

[33] Section 28BA	1
Insert after section 28B:	2
28BA Commencement of orders and notifications by Minister	3
An order or notification made or given by the Minister under this Act commences on the day it is published in accordance with this Act, or on such later day as may be specified in the order or notification.	4 5 6 7
[34] Schedule 3 Savings and transitional provisions	8
Insert at the end of clause 1 (1):	9
<i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012</i>	10 11
[35] Schedule 3	12
Insert at the end of the Schedule with appropriate Part and clause numbering:	13
Part Provisions consequent on enactment of Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012	14 15 16
Continuation of certain instruments	17
Any proclamation made under section 28B, and in force immediately before the commencement of Schedule 4 [29] to the <i>Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Biosecurity) Act 2012</i> , is taken to be an order in force under that section, and may be amended or repealed accordingly.	18 19 20 21 22