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## Domestic Animals Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE OPERATION OF BREEDING AND REARING BUSINESSES 2014

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administration of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994** (the Act) give notice, in accordance with section 60 of the Act, that I propose to amend the 'Code of Practice for the Operation of Breeding and Rearing Businesses 2014' (the Code), in accordance with section 59 of the Act, and that submissions may be made to me in relation to the proposed amendments. A submission must be made within 28 days after the day on which this notice is published.

Several amendments to the Code are proposed. The primary amendment will require a business operating as a breeding or rearing domestic animal business to provide a general veterinary health check to fertile female dogs within 4 weeks of a planned mating period. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to ensure appropriate veterinary care for female breeding dogs.

Other proposed amendments to the Code are required to reflect machinery of government changes, amendments to the definition of 'domestic animal business' made by the **Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 2014** and to correct a typographical error.

The Code must be complied with by the owners, operators and staff of any business required to be registered as a breeding or rearing domestic animal business under the Act.

A copy of the instrument for making the proposed amendments, together with a revised version of the Code showing the proposed amendments in track changes, may be obtained:

- online at the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources website at [www.depi.vic.gov.au/breedingcode](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/breedingcode);
- by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm); or
- by emailing the department on [pet.welfare@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:pet.welfare@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

All submissions on the proposed amendments to the Code must be in writing and contain the submitter's name, address, affiliation (where appropriate) and a contact email address.

Submissions may be made:

- by email addressed to [pet.welfare@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:pet.welfare@ecodev.vic.gov.au); or
- by post to the Breeding and Rearing Code Amendment, Biosecurity Branch, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood, Victoria 3049.

Dated 17 March 2015

JAALA PULFORD MP  
Minister for Agriculture

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