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NOTICE OF DECISION

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture, and Minister responsible for administering the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that the proposed Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 have been the subject of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). Public comments and submissions were invited and nine submissions were received.

After consideration of these submissions in accordance with section 11 of the Act, I have further considered the proposed Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 (the Regulations) and I give notice of my intention to proceed with the making of the Regulations as proposed. My reason for making this decision is that the proposed changes to the Regulations are required to complete the regulatory framework for the introduction of electronic identification (EID) for sheep and goats, in particular, requiring the scanning of EID tags for sheep and goats along the supply chain. Further, proposed changes to the Regulations support traceability requirements relating to pigs, introducing the mandatory recording of animal identification and movement information across the Victorian pork industry. As identified in the RIS, these changes are required to enhance traceability of livestock and disease prevention and facilitate more rapid response times in the event of disease outbreaks.

Based on analysis of the issues raised in the submissions, I consider that the submissions did not raise any new issues or information that was not already examined and considered in the RIS that would warrant the Regulations not being made as proposed.

Dated 8 June 2017

HON. JAALA PULFORD MP
Minister for Agriculture

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