

Australian Capital Territory

# Animal Diseases (Endemic Diseases) Declaration 2014 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2014—289

made under the

**Animal Diseases Act 2005, section 16 (Declaration of endemic disease)**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Section 16 of the *Animal Diseases Act 2005* (the Act) permits the Minister to declare a disease to be an endemic disease for the purposes of the Act. Section 17 of the Act provides that an animal's infection with an endemic disease must be notified to the chief veterinary officer.

This declaration updates the list of declared endemic diseases in the ACT by removing the Small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) from the list of endemic diseases. Small hive beetle is now a widespread disease in the ACT and New South Wales, and it is no longer practical for beekeepers to notify its presence to the chief veterinary officer.

This declaration revokes the *Animal Diseases (Endemic Diseases) Declaration 2011 (No 1)* (DI2011—297).