

# Free Range Eggs Labelling Bill 2012

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### **Clause 1: Short title**

The short title is the *Free Range Eggs Labelling Act 2012*.

### **Clause 2: Commencement**

The Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

### **Clause 3: Definitions**

Clause 3 defines relevant terms.

### **Clause 4: Free range egg labelling requirements**

Clause 4 provides that the packaging for free range eggs must be labelled with the words “free range” conspicuously in standard type at least 6mm high.

### **Clause 5: Labelling of egg packages**

Packages containing eggs that are not free range eggs (as that term is defined in Clause 3) may not be labelled as free range. The maximum penalty for non-compliance is 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

### **Clause 6: Display of Free-range eggs for retail sale**

Clause 6 requires that a person who displays free-range eggs for retail sale must display a sign in the specified way saying “These eggs are free range eggs. They are produced by birds in free-range systems that comply with the minimum standards in the Code of Practice for Poultry in Western Australia”. The maximum penalty for non-compliance is 50 penalty units.

### **Clause 7: Regulations**

Clause 9 is the regulation-making power.

**Schedule 1** sets out the conditions in which free range hens are kept for the purposes of the definition of “free range hen”.