

**PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES (ERADICATION FUNDS) AMENDMENT BILL  
2003**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal the expiry provision contained in section 18 of the *Plant Pests and Diseases (Eradication Funds) Act 1974*. Under section 18 the Act is set to expire on 31 October 2003.

New legislation to replace the *Plant Pests and Diseases (Eradication Funds) Act 1974* is currently being drafted and the existing Act will be repealed when that new legislation comes into effect. In the meantime, the existing Act must continue in operation to ensure the continuation of the skeleton weed eradication program.