Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Newcastle Disease) Management Plan 2016

Issued by the Minister under section 45 of the Act.

1. Citation

This management plan is the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Newcastle Disease) Management Plan 2016.

2. Commencement

This management plan comes into operation as follows —
(a) clauses 1 and 2 — on the day on which this management plan is published in the Gazette;
(b) the rest of the management plan — on the day after that day.

3. Terms used

In this management plan —
*Code of practice* means the “Code of practice: managing the risk of Newcastle disease in Western Australia” issued by the Minister under section 191(1) of the Act and published on the Department of Agriculture and Food website, as amended from time to time;

*commercial chicken farming* means farming of domestic chickens on premises where 1 000 or more chickens are kept;

*disease event* means an event that meets the case definition for Newcastle disease set out in the Code of practice;

*domestic chickens* means chickens with the scientific name *Gallus gallus domesticus*;

*Newcastle disease virus* means Newcastle disease virus (non-virulent) and Newcastle disease virus (virulent).

4. Purpose of management plan

The purpose of this management plan is to provide for the control of Newcastle disease virus in the State.

Note for this section:

By virtue of the declaration made under section 22 of the Act notice of which was published in the Gazette on 7 May 2013 p. 1925, Newcastle disease virus (non-virulent) is a declared pest for the whole of the State.

By virtue of the declaration made under section 12 of the Act notice of which was published in the Gazette on 26 July 2013 p. 3360, Newcastle disease virus (virulent) is a prohibited organism. Under section 22(1) of the Act a prohibited organism is a declared pest for the whole of the State.
5. **Measures to be followed under management plan**

The measures set out in clauses 6 to 8 are the prescribed measures to control Newcastle disease virus to be taken under section 30(3) of the Act by a person who is conducting commercial chicken farming on land in the State.

6. **Vaccination of commercially farmed domestic chickens**

   (1) A person who conducts commercial chicken farming must ensure that the chickens being farmed are vaccinated against Newcastle disease as required under the Code of practice.

   (2) A person who conducts commercial chicken farming must ensure that a written record of any vaccination of chickens that are in the possession of the person is kept in accordance with the Code of practice.

7. **Reporting of Newcastle disease virus**

A person who conducts commercial chicken farming must ensure that a report is made in accordance with the Code of practice if a disease event occurs in relation to the commercial chicken farming.

8. **Testing of commercially farmed domestic chickens**

   (1) A person who conducts commercial chicken farming must ensure that sample collection in accordance with the Newcastle disease sample collection procedures set out in the Code of practice is carried out if a disease event occurs in relation to the commercial chicken farming.

   (2) A person who conducts commercial chicken farming must ensure that samples collected by or on behalf of the person under subclause (1) are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Food in accordance with the Code of practice.

Date: 2 November 2016.

M. LEWIS, Minister for Agriculture and Food.