

STOCK DISEASES ACT 1923

Notification No. 1819-OJD

Declaration of a Protected Area and Protected (Control) Area as regards Johne's disease in sheep
(known as ovine Johne's disease or OJD)

I, IAN MACDONALD, M.L.C., Minister for Primary Industries:

1. pursuant to sections 3 (2) (a) and 11A of the Stock Diseases Act 1923 ("the Act"), revoke Notification No.1811-OJD published in NSW Government Gazette No. 50 of 9 May 2008 at pages 3819-3820 and any notification revived as a result of this revocation; and
2. pursuant to section 11A of the Act, declare the lands described in the Schedule below to be a Protected Area (to be known as the 'OJD Exclusion Area'), and all other lands in New South Wales to be a Protected (Control) Area (to be known as the 'OJD Management Area'), as regards Johne's disease in sheep (known as ovine Johne's disease or OJD); and
3. pursuant to section 11A of the Act prohibit the bringing into the Protected Area of any sheep from any part of the Protected (Control) Area unless:
 - (a) the sheep are accompanied by a Completed Health Statement for Sheep that is given to the person to whom the sheep are delivered; or
 - (b) the sheep are 'exempt sheep'; or
 - (c) the sheep originate from the Protected Area and are transported in a vehicle through the Protected (Control) Area without unloading, and back into the Protected Area; or
 - (d) the sheep are moved in accordance with:
 - (i) a written permit issued by an inspector under section 7 (6) of the Act, or
 - (ii) an order given by an inspector under section 8 (1) (b) of the Act.

Definitions

In this Notification:

Completed Health Statement for Sheep means:

- a document sourced from a booklet titled 'National Sheep Health Statement Version 1 March 2008' or from a subsequent edition approved by the Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity, and duly completed by the owner and/or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep.
- a document sourced electronically titled 'National Sheep Health Statement Version 1 March 2008' or from a subsequent edition approved by the Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity, and duly completed by the owner and/or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep.
- a document approved from time to time by the Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity, and duly completed by the owner and/or person responsible for the husbandry of the sheep.

Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity means the Director, Animal and Plant Biosecurity of the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

exempt sheep means:

- sheep being moved to slaughter, directly or via a slaughter-only sale;
- sheep being sent or delivered to a Health Statement for Sheep exempt sale approved by a Regional Veterinary Officer or a Senior Regional Animal Health Manager no later than 48 hours before the sale.

Livestock Health and Pest District means a livestock health and pest district constituted by or as a consequence of the proclamation made under section 5 of the Rural Lands Protection Act 1998 titled "Amalgamation of 47 rural lands protection districts to constitute 14 livestock health and pest districts" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 158 of 19 December 2008 at pages 12876 to 12905.

Regional Veterinary Officer means a Regional Veterinary Officer of the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

sale includes, sell, offer for sale, assist in selling and attempt to sell.

Senior Regional Animal Health Manager means a Senior Regional Animal Health Manager of the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

SCHEDULE

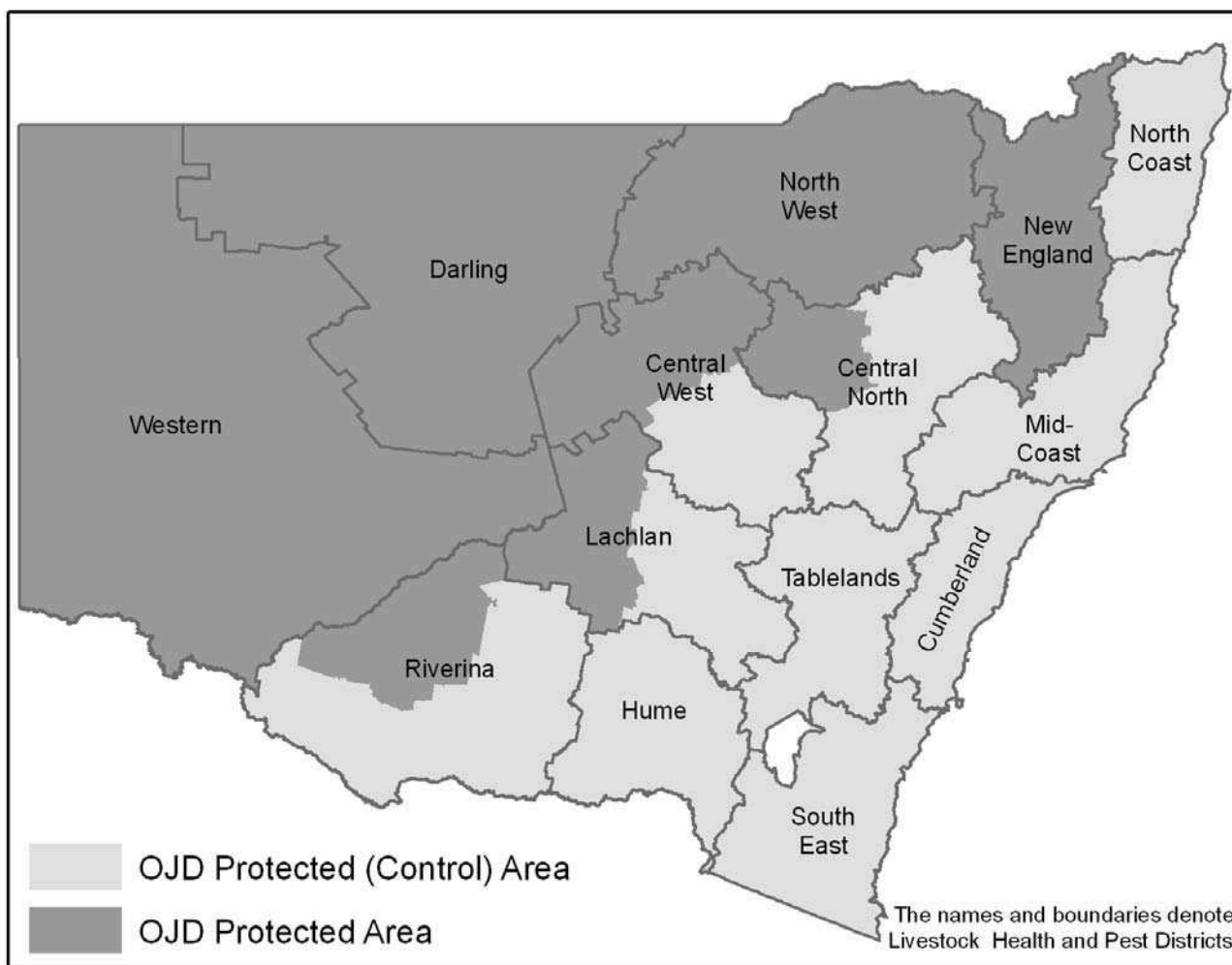
Protected Area

The Protected Area consists of the following areas of land:

1. the whole of the lands contained in the following Livestock Health and Pest Districts:
 - (a) Western Livestock Health and Pest District;
 - (b) Darling Livestock Health and Pest District;
 - (c) North West Livestock Health and Pest District; and
 - (d) New England Livestock Health and Pest District; and

2. the following portions of land contained within the Central West Livestock Health and Pest District:
 - (a) the area described in the proclamation titled "Alteration of Boundaries of Canonba Pastures Protection District" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 172 of 13 December 1985 (being the former Nyngan Rural Lands Protection District); and
 - (b) the area described in the proclamation titled "Alteration of Boundaries of Coonamble Pastures Protection District" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 108 of 26 July 1985 (being the former Coonamble Rural Lands Protection District); and
3. that portion of the lands contained within the Riverina Livestock Health and Pest District having the boundaries described in the proclamation titled "Alteration of Boundaries of Hay Pastures Protection District" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 172 of 13 December 1985 (being the former Hay Rural Lands Protection District); and
4. that portion of the lands contained within the Lachlan Livestock Health and Pest District having the boundaries described in the proclamation titled "Alteration of Boundaries of Condobolin Pastures Protection District" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. 172 of 13 December 1985 (being the former Condobolin Rural Lands Protection District); and
5. that portion of the lands contained within the Central North Livestock Health and Pest District having the boundaries described in the proclamation titled "Alteration of Boundaries of Coonabarabran Pastures Protection District" published in *NSW Government Gazette* No. No. 108 of 26 July 1985 (being the former Coonabarabran Rural Lands Protection District).

The Protected Area is as indicated by the dark shaded area in the map below.



Note:

Contravening a provision of this Notification is an offence under section 20H (1) (a) of the Act. The maximum penalty for such an offence is \$11,000.

A map of the 'OJD Exclusion Area' and the 'OJD Management Area' as regards Johne's disease in sheep, is published on the NSW Department of Primary Industries' website at www.ojdinfo.nsw.gov.au.

National Sheep Health Statements are sourced from the web or from booklets printed by state Departments of Primary Industries.

The course of action to be taken by the owner or occupier of the land in the 'OJD Exclusion Area', and in the 'OJD Management Area', and by the owner of the sheep, the owner's agent, or by any other person in charge of the sheep in each of those areas shall be as ordered by an inspector.

1819-OJD is the NSW Department of Primary Industries' reference.

For further information, contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries on (02) 6391 3691.

Dated this 2nd day of April 2009.

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Minister for Primary Industries