

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Meat Processor Marketing and Research Bodies) Declaration 2007

Statutory Basis

Subsections 60 (3AA) and (3AB) of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* provide that the Minister may, by legislative instrument, declare a body to be the meat processor marketing body and the meat processor research body.

Purpose of the Declaration

The purpose of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Meat Processor Marketing Body and Meat Processor Research Body) Declaration 2007* is to declare Australian Meat Processor Corporation Limited to be the meat processor marketing body and the meat processor research body from 1 September 2007.

Background to the Declaration

Since the 1998 red meat industry restructure, the meat processor industry has funded its marketing and research and development programmes through voluntary contributions. In December 2006 the industry decided to move away from the voluntary system and requested the Government impose a statutory levy on the slaughter of cattle, sheep and goats. The industry also requested that Australian Meat Processor Corporation Limited be declared the body to receive the funding generated by the statutory levy.

To effect this change, amendments were required to the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* to allow entities to be declared the meat processor marketing body and the meat processor research body. These amendments received Royal Assent on 22 June 2007.

The Declaration is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Declaration commences on 1 September 2007.