

TASMANIA

PLANT QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 2007

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*(Brought in by the Minister for Primary Industries and Water,
the Honourable David Edward Llewellyn)*

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Plant Quarantine Act 1997*

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Plant Quarantine Amendment Act 2007*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Plant Quarantine Act 1997** is referred to as the Principal Act.

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4. Section 101A inserted

After section 101 of the Principal Act, the following section is inserted in Division 6:

101A. False or misleading statements

- (1) A person must not, in making any application or giving any information under this Act –
- (a) make a statement knowing it to be false or misleading; or
 - (b) omit any matter from a statement knowing that without that matter the statement is misleading.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not make any statement about a plant, plant product, agricultural or other equipment, premises, organism, pest or disease or the production, importation into the State or movement of a plant, plant product, agricultural or other equipment, organism, pest or disease that is false, or misleading, and likely to cause a person who relies on the statement to commit an offence under this Act.

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- (3) A person must not make a statement that is false or misleading in answer to a question or inquiry by an inspector or the Secretary.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.