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Biosecurity (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020

The Biosecurity Act 2019 (the Act) received Royal Assent in August 2019 and some of its provisions commenced operation on 01 January 2020.

Once fully implemented the Act will replace the following seven Acts:

Vermin Control Act 2000
Weed Management Act 1999
Plant Quarantine Act 1997
Animal Health Act 1995
Animal Farming (Registration) Act 1994
Seeds Act 1985
Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984

The Biosecurity (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020 (the Bill) has been drafted for the purpose of consequently amending several related Acts upon the full commencement of the Biosecurity Act 2019.

The Acts requiring amendment all contain references to the old legislation which will need to be updated to reflect the new legislation.

This Bill is in the nature of machinery or administrative legislation which is purely to facilitate implementation of the new *Biosecurity Act 2019*. It is ancillary to the *Biosecurity Act 2019* and as such, does not involve the introduction of any new policy or substantive legal requirements.

Extensive information about the *Biosecurity Act 2019* and Tasmania's new biosecurity framework is available from the <u>Biosecurity Tasmania website</u>.