EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

*Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002*

Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Determination 2006

The *Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002* (the Act) provides for funds raised by Plant Health Australia (PHA) levies and charges imposed on plant products to be appropriated to PHA.

The Minister is able to declare a PHA Plant Industry Member to be the designated body for a plant product. The funds raised through the levy or charge on that plant product are used to discharge the Plant Industry Member’s yearly contribution to PHA.

Section 10(3) of the Act provides that where two or more PHA plant products have the same designated body, the Minister must, by notice published in the Gazette, determine what proportion of the yearly contribution relates to each of the plant products. The Minister must have regard to PHA’s advice on the proportions.

The Grains Council of Australia Inc. (GCA) and the Australian Vegetable and Potato Growers’ Federation Inc. (AUSVEG) are Plant Industry Members that are designated bodies for two or more plant products.

The Determination apportions – in percentage terms – GCA’s and AUSVEG’s yearly contributions to PHA for 2006-2007 between each of the plant products for which they are the designated bodies. The proportions are in accord with PHA’s advice.

Section 1 provides for the name of the Determination to be the *Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002 Determination 2006*.

Section 2 provides for the Determination to commence on the day after it is registered.

Section 3 identifies the proportions of the PHA yearly contribution of the GCA for 2006-07 that relate to each plant product for which the GCA is the designated body.

Section 4 identifies the proportions of the PHA yearly contribution of AUSVEG for 2006-07 that relate to each plant product for which AUSVEG is the designated body.