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Attachment 2 - Bull Review of the NSW OJD Program – Issues paper

The review will explore the success of key elements of the NSW OJD program by addressing the following points and recommend the best way forward for sheep producers in NSW.

What is the program for OJD?

- Do you want a program for OJD - what should it achieve in practice?

The effectiveness of Exclusion Areas

- Is the current Exclusion Area policy working – is entry of sheep being managed?
- Is there evidence producers continue to support the policy?
- Are there incursions of the disease and are these being managed properly?

The future of the OJD Transaction Contribution Scheme

- Is there a need for ongoing funding of a program for OJD?
- Should the Transaction Contribution Scheme be maintained for other uses such as a means to create leverage to attract further funding for developing an improved vaccine or for providing a vaccine subsidy?
- Is this mechanism an efficient method to raise funds from sheep producers?

The role of Abattoir surveillance

- Does surveillance have the support of producers?
- Should all flocks across all prevalence areas be monitored?
- What should be done with results from surveillance?
- Does it have the support of processors?

Patterns of disease prevalence

- Have there been changes to disease distribution over the last 4 years in your area?
- If so where is it developing and why?

Disease management issues

- The Sheep MAP program – what is it contributing?
- Is there enough feedback going to producers?
- Should there be additional extension information provided to affected producers?
- Should there be routine follow up testing from positive results in surveillance?

Sheep Health Statement (SHS)

- SHS, are changes needed – should there be a single national form?
- Are SHS being sent to boards and risks being assessed?
- Is there regulatory control over introductions and acted on in order to support the SHS?
- Is there support and recognition for the ABC points by producers?

Consideration of relevant issues to enhance the national approach

- What consistency is there between the states?
- What recognition is there of state protocols?
- What are the emerging market drivers?

Advisory Committee

- Should we take the opportunity to review the OJD Industry Advisory Committee?
- Should the current Industry Advisory Committee be replaced by an industry wide committee to deal with all issues facing the sheep industry?
- Could a general sheep committee provide better advice to the Minister?

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