



**THE HON PETER McGAURAN MP**  
**MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY**

**25 September 2007**

**Appointment of Commissioner under section 66AY of the  
*Quarantine Act 1908***

Under section 66AY of the *Quarantine Act 1908*, I hereby appoint the Honourable Ian Callinan AC to conduct a Commission of Inquiry into the August 2007 outbreak of equine influenza in Australia. This appointment is effective as of 25 September 2007.

Specifically, Mr Callinan's terms of reference are to inquire into and report with respect to:

- (a) the circumstances that have contributed to the outbreak of equine influenza in Australia; and
- (b) the need for any strengthened biosecurity procedures for quarantine management of imported horses.

As he deems necessary during the course of the Commission of Inquiry, Mr Callinan may also inquire into such other matters incidental to those stated above as might assist me in considering his report.

The report is to be provided no later than 25 April 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Peter McGauran'.

Peter McGauran

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry