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CONSULTATION ON 'ACTS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE' IN NEW VETERINARY PRACTICE REGULATIONS

Following the consultation on the [Veterinary Practice Bill](#) (the Bill) in 2020, an updated Bill was introduced and passed with minor amendments before receiving Royal Assent to become the *Veterinary Practice Act 2021* on 27 October 2021. The title and commencement provisions

(Part 1) are now in effect, however, the remainder will not be proclaimed until the new Veterinary Practice Regulations are drafted and approved by the Minister and Executive Government.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is seeking feedback on what should be included as an 'act of veterinary medicine' in the new Regulations and has released a consultation paper that seeks feedback on three key topics:

- A. Proposed acts of veterinary medicine;
- B. Regulatory options for the pregnancy testing of cattle; and
- C. Regulatory options for the spaying of cattle.

A list of proposed 'acts of veterinary medicine' has been developed based on existing regulations, comparison with other jurisdictional legislation and Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) policy.

The 'acts of veterinary medicine' that can be undertaken by veterinary students, veterinary nurses and authorised persons as well as acts which are not an act of veterinary medicine will be drafted by DPIRD and subject to consultation at a later date when a consultation draft of the Regulations is available.

The consultation paper, frequently asked questions and submission form are available on the DPIRD engagement website at <https://talkingbiosecurity.dpiird.wa.gov.au/consultation-acts-of-vet-medicine>.

Submissions will close on Friday 25 March.

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