

## Determination of New Organisms

Pursuant to section 26 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 ("Act"), the Environmental Protection Authority hereby determines that vertebrate (phylum *Chordata*; subphylum *Vertebrata*) organisms that do not otherwise meet the definitions of 'new organism' in section 2A of the Act, specifically, organisms that:

- were present in New Zealand immediately before 29 July 1998;
- have not been prescribed as risk species;
- have not been approved to be held in containment or released with controls;
- have not previously been genetically modified;
- are not members of species that have been eradicated from New Zealand;
- are not named in Schedule 2 of the Act;
- are not unwanted organisms as defined in section 2 of the Biosecurity Act 1993;

and that are treated *in vivo* with the replication-defective recombinant adeno-associated viral vectors of the genus *Dependoparvovirus* are not new organisms for the purpose of the Act.

Dated at Wellington this 16th day of February 2018.

DR KERRY LAING, Chair, Decision-making Committee of the Authority.