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Legal questions over new Sheep Health Statement

Sheep producers on the Southern Tablelands of NSW are seeking legal advice about the industry's National Management Plan for the sheep wasting disease, ovine Johne's.

The new plan is due to come into effect next week, but there is some confusion over the legal obligations of the industry's new Sheep Health Statement.

Sheep farmer Stan Waldren says producers are unsure if the statement is mandatory or not and they're also concerned about the possible legal ramifications of signing the form.

"We are currently exploring the legal options associated with the proposed Sheep Health Statement, primarily because it is quite an extensive and ambiguous document," he said.

"We believe it still has serious concerns for growers. We believe that the architects of this scheme seriously need to be taken to task over it."



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