

## **Determination under Regulation 26(2) of the *Natural Resources Management (General) Regulations 2005***

I John Schutz, Chief Officer under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, hereby determine under Regulation 26(2) of the *Natural Resource Management (General) Regulations 2005*, that deer on land owned or occupied by the owner of the deer, or on land with the consent of owners, must be secured or confined and permanently identified in the following manner:

For properties owned by someone or a group or company that first register with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia to keep deer after 1 February 2019:

- All boundary fences of deer enclosures must be constructed so that fences are a minimum of 1.9 m in height from the ground, and
- All boundary fences of deer enclosures must be constructed using pre-fabricated deer mesh that is 1.9 m in height that is attached securely to poles that are a maximum of 8 m apart, and
- All boundary fences must either have a bottom wire (high tensile, either barbed or not-barbed) running through staples on posts and attached to the prefabricated deer mesh, that can be tightened as needed, attached as low as practical but no more than 50 mm above ground, and
- All boundary fences must have a strainer wire at the top of fence, attached to the prefabricated deer mesh and posts.

For all deer farms:

- If an officer authorised under the NRM Act has the opinion that the ground level either side of the enclosure fence is raised enough to increase the risk of deer escaping, then sections of boundary fences must be increased to a height of up to 3 metres to stop deer from jumping over the fence; and
- All holes or gaps under boundary fences and gates into deer enclosures must be repaired or blocked with additional deer mesh (or equivalent material) in accordance with the minimum standard for size and strength and the fence must be pegged down so that the bottom horizontal wire of the fence or the bottom of the gate is not more than 50 mm distance in a vertical direction down to the ground level at any point; and
- If an officer authorised under the NRM Act has the opinion that the land under the enclosure fence is sandy, rocky or undulating enough to increase the risk of deer escaping under the fence, then sections of the boundary fence must have posts that are spaced less than 8 m apart; and

- The boundary fences of deer enclosures must be maintained so that they confine all deer; and
- The boundary fences of deer enclosures must be cleared of fallen trees and branches, which have fallen over or damaged the fence.
- Domestic deer over 12 months of age must carry a permanent, identifiable ear tag, which has an identification number linked to the deer keeper's property identification code. Domestic deer (including those younger than 12 months) that are moved from the property on which they are kept, must have an ear tag.

John Schutz

Chief Officer