

### **Statement of Reasons**

The primary aim of the South Australian Government's Australian plague locust control program is to protect the State's cereal and grape crops from the threat of destruction by the Australian plague locust. The threat of losses to the State's agricultural and pastoral industry from the plague locust during this spring/summer period is significant in both economic and social terms. Actions taken under the Program contain measures to protect the environment through the use of appropriate non-sprayed buffer zones around areas of environmental sensitivity, including endangered species locations and areas of national environmental significance known to occur within the planned areas of operation.