



# NATIONAL OJD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2012-17

## DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

AWI OJD Forum

## REVIEW PROCESS

- The current OJDMP ceases this year
- To evaluate the performance of the plan the national sheep industries (WPA & SCA) undertook an extensive review of this plan
- The review commenced early 2011

## REVIEW PROCESS

- The review comprised of three components:
  - Economic Analysis – Impact on the OJDMP in Aust. (Tom Kompas)
  - Farm Biosecurity Attitudes and Practices (Mel Taylor)
  - Review of the National OJD Management Plan 2007-12 (Joan Lloyd)

# REVIEW PROCESS

## Consultation Options

1. Revised version of the current OJD MP
2. Implement a two area model, containing a protected area and an OJD management (control) area
3. Move to nationally coordinated OJD risk management based largely on SHS declaration
4. Ceasing a national approach and allowing state departments to operate programs with their own standards.

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- WPA & SCA:
  - Issued media releases
  - Utilised rural press
  - Emails to industry groups
- SFO's:
  - Issued media releases
  - Emailed direct to members

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- The public consultation survey (n244)\*
- SFOs input (n7)
- Other organisational input (n4)
- Technical advice from AHA and AusVet  
Animal Health Services

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- Based on the responses, the national industry decided on a hybridised version of option 2 & 3:
  - A two area model – control & protected, based on risk assessment through the use of SHS
  - This announcement was made on 9 January 2012

## KEY PRINCIPLES

- The key principles that the national industries agreed upon were:
  - 2 areas – control and protected (area prev of <1%)
  - Greater onus on producers to manage OJD
  - Uniform entry requirements for PAs
  - Revise SHS and ABC Points Scheme
  - Mandate revised SHS
  - Review SheepMAP



## FURTHER COMMUNICATION

- WPA and SCA then embarked on further consultation in 2012, including face to face meetings with:
  - All State Farm Organisations or State OJD Advisory Committees
  - Australian Association of Stud Merino Breeders

## FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- Throughout 2012, emails sent to:
  - Approx. 80 sheep and wool organisations
    - Distributed through their networks
  - 180 individuals have signed up to [johnes@animalhealthaustralia.com.au](mailto:johnes@animalhealthaustralia.com.au)

## OTHER ISSUES

- VACCINATION
- Industry strongly supports vaccination
- The **ONLY** tool to stop on-farm mortalities
- Technical subcommittee determined that levels of shedding by vaccinates poses too great of risk to Protected Areas
- Industry requesting further research into the level of risk associated with double vaccinated animals

## OTHER ISSUES

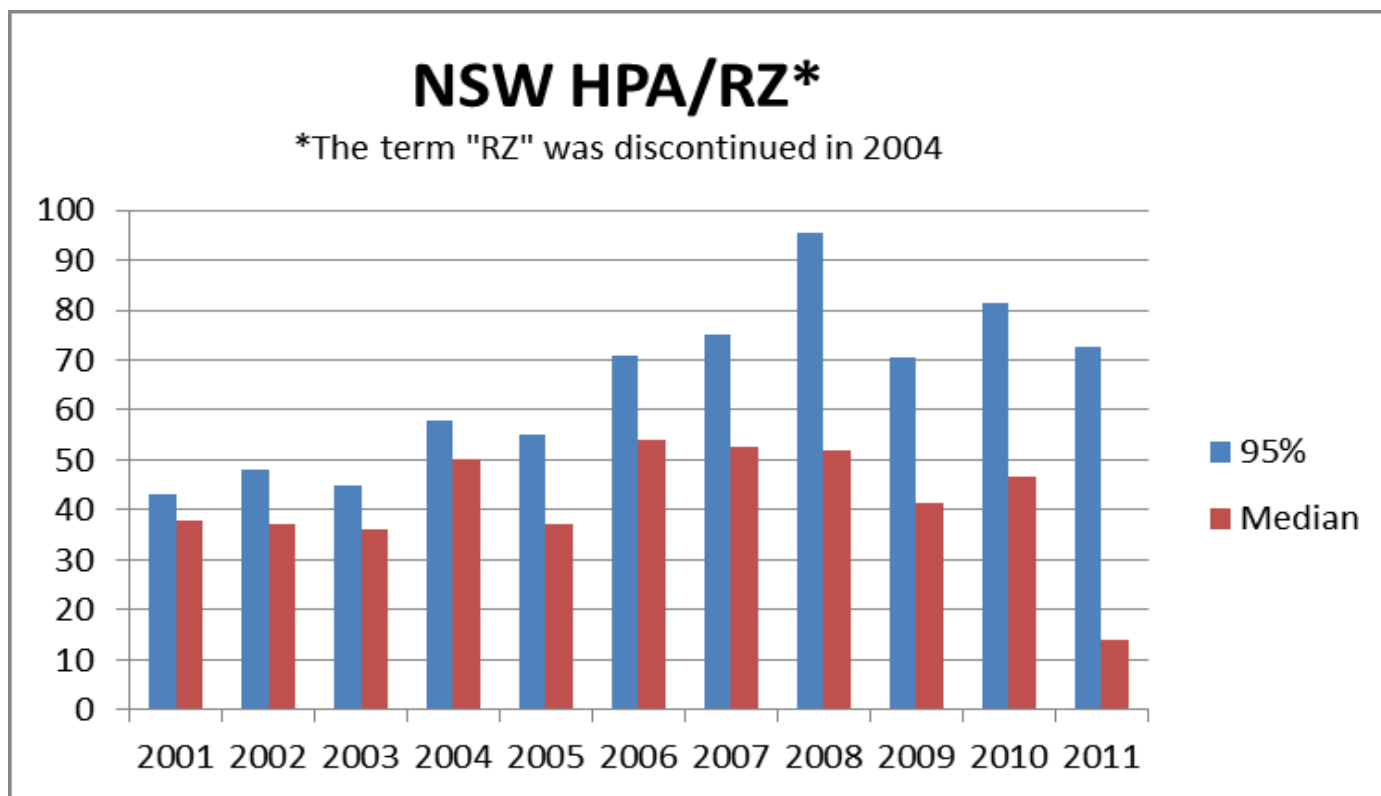
- ABC POINT SCHEME
- Only 30.5% DEFINITELY knew their ABC score
- Over reliance of producers of gaining points by where they lived and vaccination to trade, rather than active management
- If used properly was a good tool to assess risk of animals – not enough people understood it
- May have contributed to spread of the disease

## OTHER ISSUES

- RETAINING STATUS QUO
- Not met the first aim of the plan:
  - minimise the risk to properties and geographic regions that currently appear disease free and actively manage incursions when they occur

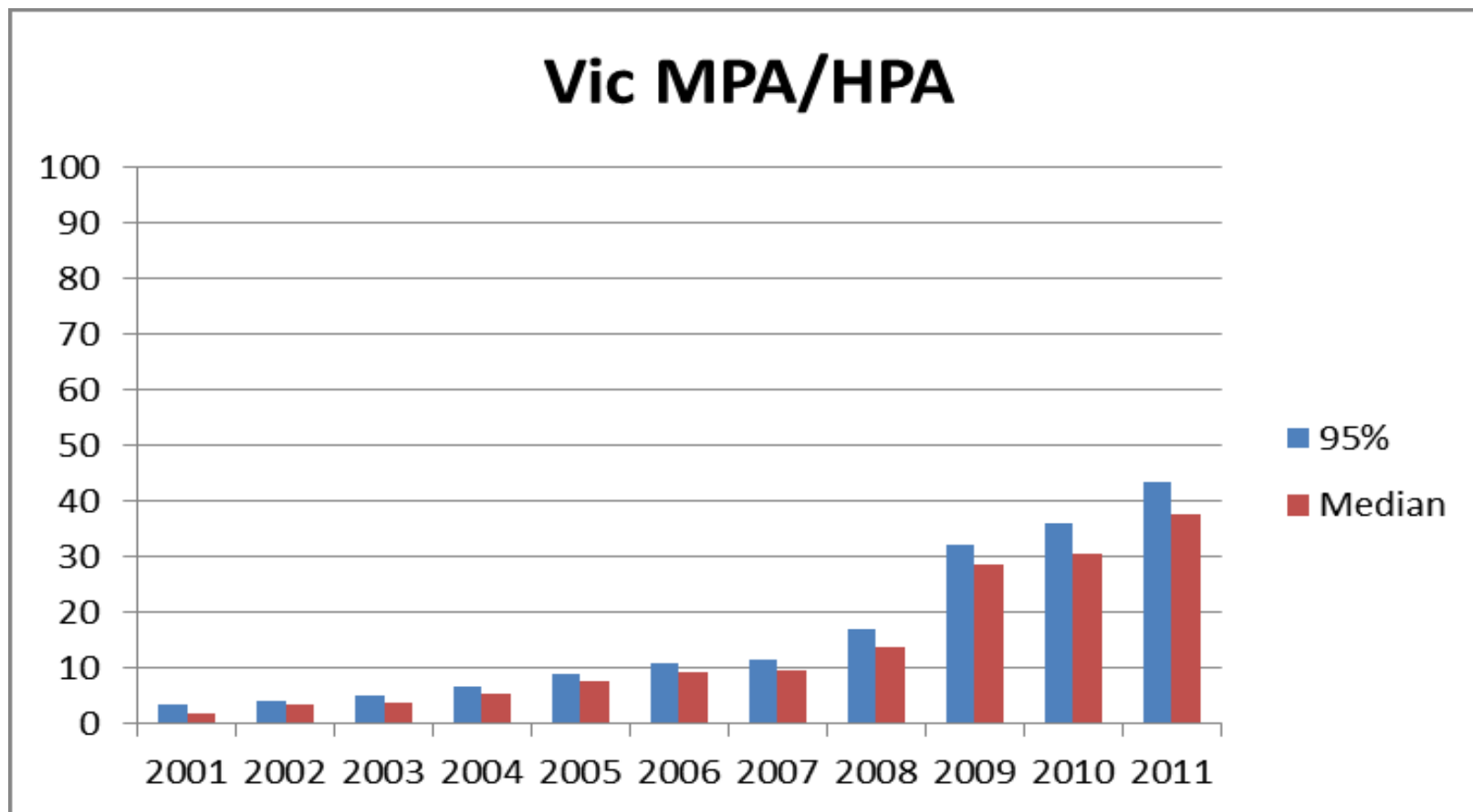
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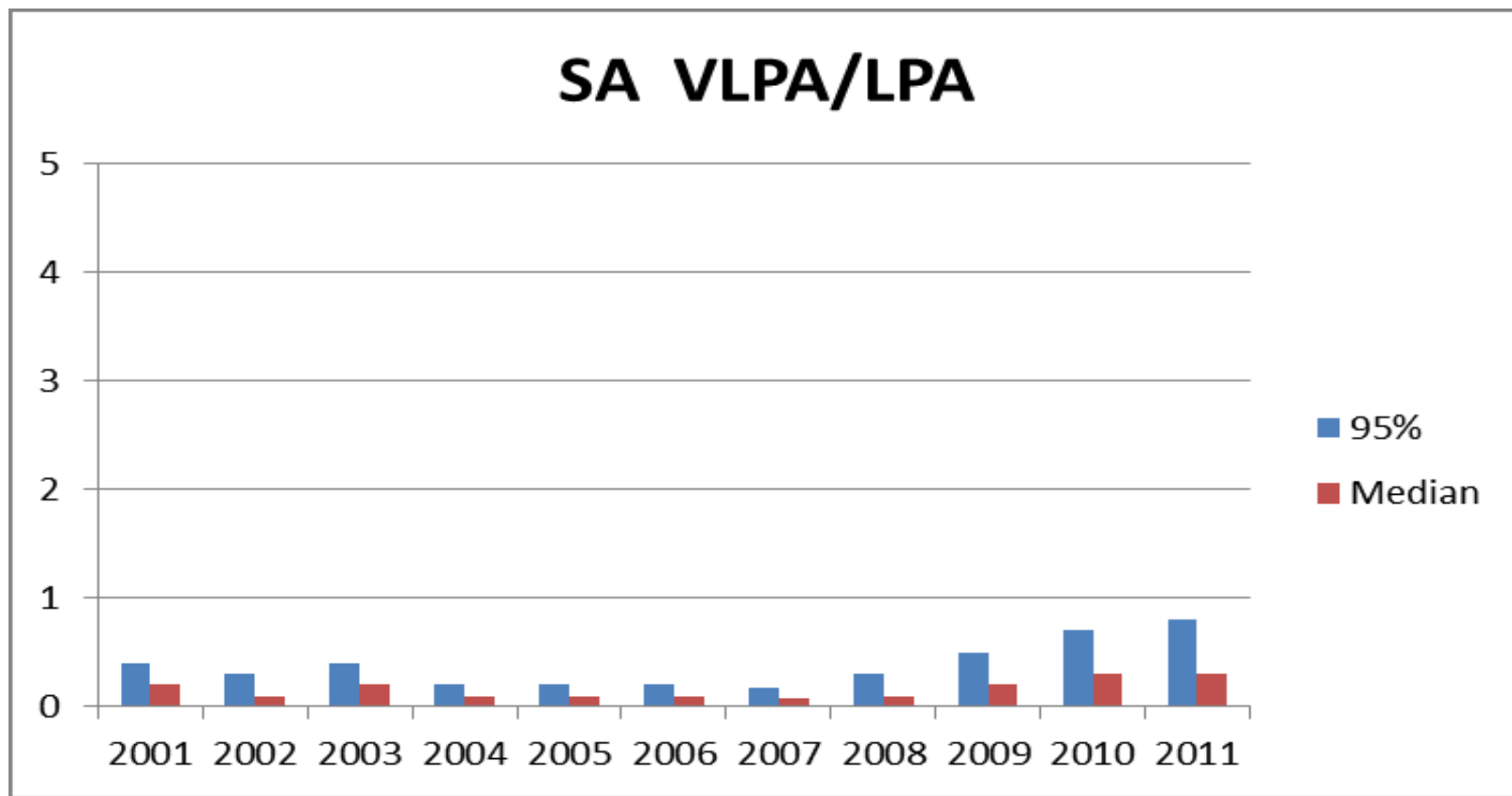
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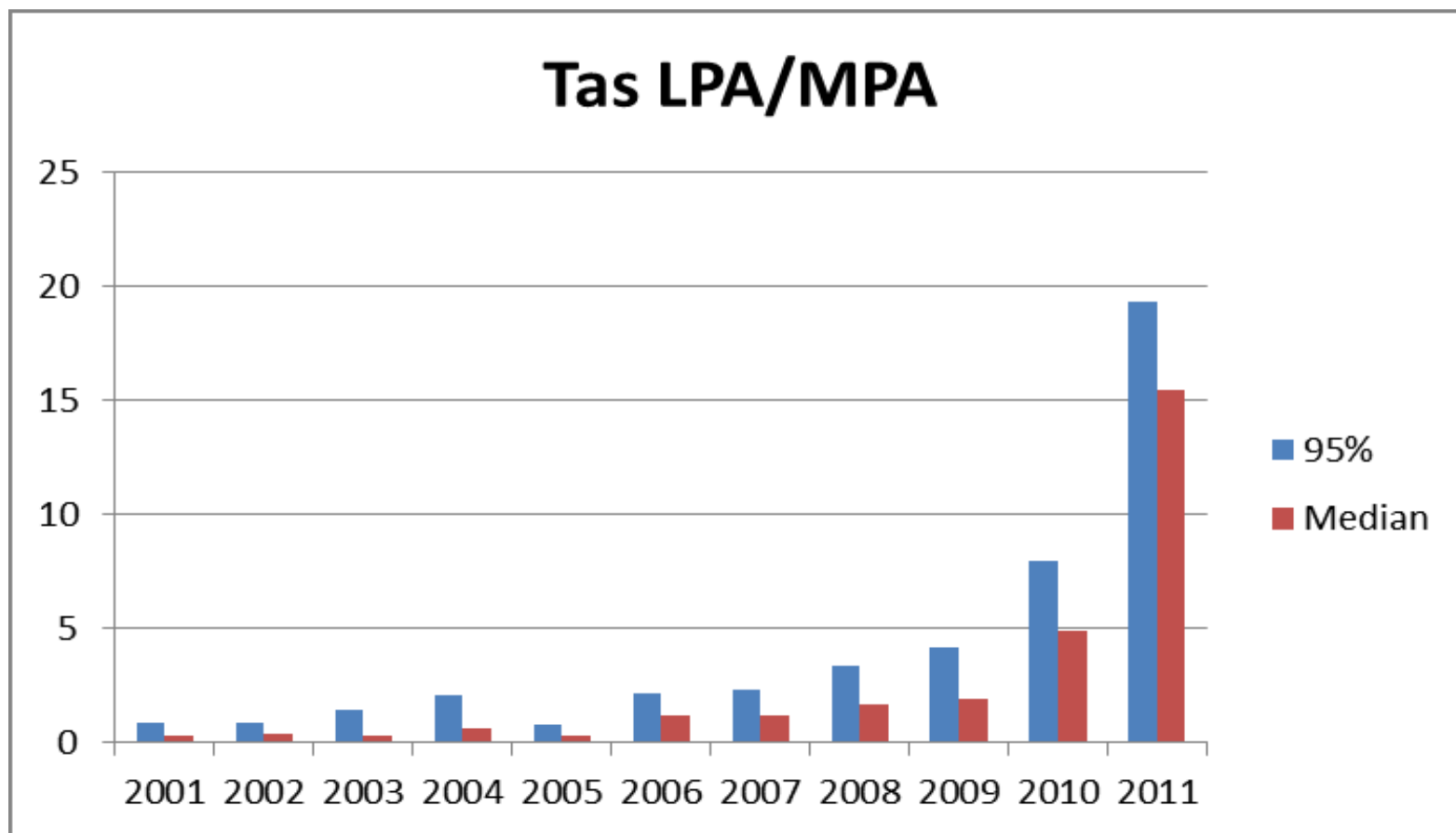
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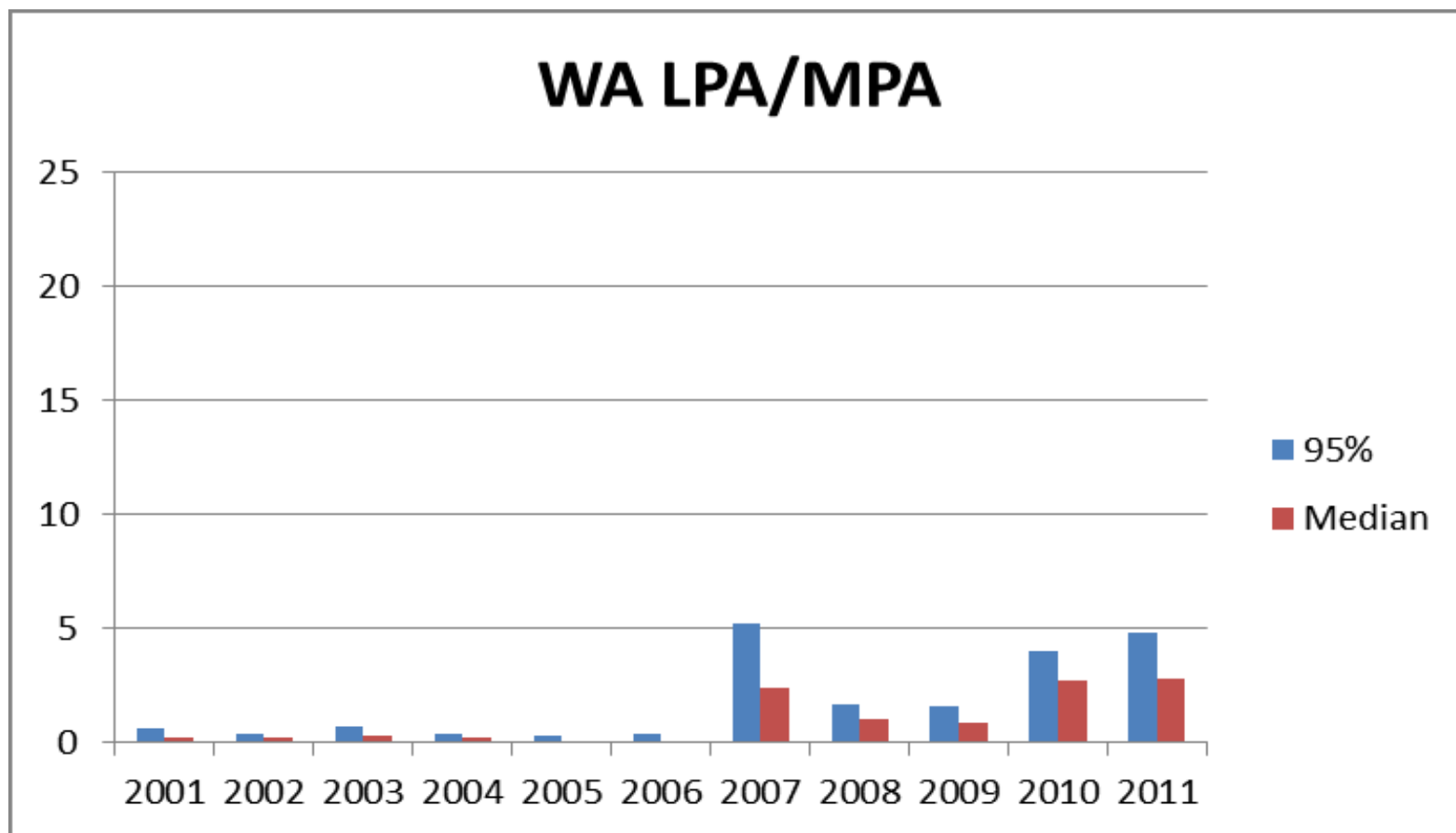
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Prevalence estimates for Tasmania Low & Medium  
Prevalence Areas 2001 - 2011



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Prevalence estimates for WA Low & Medium  
Prevalence Areas 2001 - 2011



## OTHER ISSUES

- RETAINING STATUS QUO
- Continuation of the status quo:
  - Unfeasible – it has not stopped the spread of OJD
  - Unrealistic – the lines on the map will keep changing as the disease spreads
- Producers must take active management rather than passive management to protect their flocks against OJD

# SUMMARY

- Under the current system the disease is spreading
- ABC scheme is poorly understood by many producers
- Majority of producers want a National Plan
- There is still regions of Australia that have low levels of the disease.
- We need National approach to minimise the spread

**THANK YOU,  
QUESTIONS?**