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**NEW GUIDE TO SUPPORT MACADAMIA GROWERS**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Member for Lismore, Thomas George, have launched the first edition of the *NSW Macadamia plant protection guide 2014-15*, published by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

Ms Hodgkinson said the guide, available free of charge to commercial macadamia growers, contains up-to-date information on all aspects of crop protection.

“It outlines the pests and diseases growers should be on the lookout for over a typical growing season and lists the currently registered treatment options,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The macadamia industry is worth more the \$90 million annually to the local North Coast economy and this guide will help growers stay profitable through responsible control of pests and diseases.

“The guide has been developed through broad industry consultation and following a round of MacGroups with macadamia farmers on the topic of crop protection in July.

“This is yet another example of how the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is supporting growth in our \$12 billion primary industries sector.”

Mr George said the guide provides recommendations for controls based on an Integrated Pest and Disease Management approach.

“There are recommendations for the control of fruit spotting bug, nut borer, thrips, feltid coccid, leaf miner and kernel grub,” Mr George said.

“There are articles on using native bees in orchards, managing spray drift, disposing of farm chemicals, avoiding resistance, calibration and examples of spray record documents.

DPI development officer, Jeremy Bright, is the author of the guide and said he expects it will be a valuable resource for the many macadamia growers in NSW.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if we went into a second print run soon,” Mr Bright said.

Former Chairman of the Australian Macadamia Society, Cliff James, has written the foreword with an informative look at the past, present and future of pest control.

Copies of the guide have been distributed to rural stores, macadamia processors and consultants, so ask for one if you have not yet received a guide.

The guide is also available online at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/horticulture/nuts](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/horticulture/nuts).