

Biosecurity - Triaging Plant Pests and Diseases

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1. Purpose

This policy describes how the NSW Government will manage plant pests and diseases upon detection in NSW.

2. Scope

This policy applies to personnel involved with managing the risk of the entry, establishment and spread of plant pests and diseases in NSW, including NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI), within the NSW Department of Industry, and Local Land Services (LLS) staff implementing activities in their role as authorised officers under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act).

3. Outcomes

3.1 Threats from emergency plant pests and diseases are assessed and triaged before necessary management actions are implemented in a consistent, robust and systematic decision-making process.

- a) **Suspect- Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) Emergency Plant Pest** – a plant pest or disease that fulfils the definition of Emergency Plant Pest under the EPPRD or is likely to fulfil this definition if further information becomes available
- b) **Suspect non EPPRD plant pest or disease** – a plant pest or disease that is exotic to all or part of NSW but present in another jurisdiction or is under an official control program in NSW
- c) **Established plant pest or disease** – plant pests or diseases that are present in NSW and not under official control.

Activities

- NSW DPI and LLS will manage a **Suspect EPPRD Emergency Plant Pest** in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed as outlined in the procedure *Reporting of Plant Pests and Diseases*. This includes plant pests and diseases listed in Schedule 2 of the Biosecurity Act (3.1a)
- NSW DPI and LLS will manage a **Suspect non-EPPRD plant pest or disease** according to an agreed framework that is in place between relevant stakeholders and NSW DPI or at the discretion of the NSW Chief Plant Protection Officer (CPPO) in consultation with relevant stakeholders as described in the policy *Management of notifiable and established plant pests and diseases*. This includes plant pests and diseases that are notifiable in Schedule 1 to the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 (the Regulation) (3.1b)

- NSW DPI and LLS will manage an **Established plant pest or disease** in accordance with the policy *Management of notifiable and established plant pests and diseases* (3.11c).

3.2. Stakeholders are empowered to implement best practices to minimise the incidence and impact of emergency plant pests and diseases in NSW

- a) Biosecurity is a shared responsibility and is proactively promoted by key stakeholders including peak industry bodies
- b) Stakeholders understand how to discharge their duties under the Act, including their general biosecurity duty, and their duty to notify the presence or suspected presence of prohibited matter and notifiable plant pests and diseases
- c) NSW DPI and LLS communicate effectively with all relevant stakeholders about how to prevent and manage notifiable and established plant pests and diseases in NSW.

Activities

- NSW DPI and LLS promote plant biosecurity preparedness by educating and providing advice and advisory material to stakeholders (3.2a,b)
- NSW DPI collaborates with plant industries in research relevant to the management of plant pests and diseases (3.2c)
- NSW DPI promotes the awareness and application of the general biosecurity duty to plant biosecurity (3.2b)(3.2c).

4. Related Procedures

Procedure: Biosecurity Reporting Plant Pests and Diseases

Procedure: Biosecurity Collection, use and disclosure of information

5. Definitions and acronyms

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| EPPRD | Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed |
| NSW CPPO | NSW Chief Plant Protection Officer |
| NSW DPI | NSW Department of Primary Industries |
| LLS | Local Land Services |

6. Legislation

Biosecurity Act 2015

Biosecurity Regulation 2017

Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998

7. Other Related Documents

Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD)

PLANTPLAN

Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB)

Policy - Biosecurity - Management of Notifiable and Established Plant Pests and Diseases

Policy - Biosecurity Collection, use and disclosure of information

Policy - Records Management (IND-I-177)

Policy - Information Security (IND-I-197)

Policy - Classified Information (IND-I-196)

Policy -Government Information (Public Access) (IND-I-178)

[National Phylloxera Management Protocol](#)

Australian [Potato Cyst Nematode National Management Plan](#)

QLD Fruit Fly Code of Practice

Medfly Code of Practice (draft)

8. Revision History

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