

Biosecurity - Management of Notifiable and Established Plant Pests and Diseases

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1. Purpose

This policy describes what the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) within the Department of Industry and Local Land Services (LLS) will do to manage the risks posed to the economy, community and environment of NSW by notifiable plant pests and diseases listed in Schedule 1 to the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 (the Regulation). The response to these plant pests and diseases is not governed by the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD).

2. Scope

This policy applies to NSW DPI and LLS and other personnel implementing activities in their roles as authorised officers as described for plant pests and diseases under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) and *Local Land Services Act 2013*.

This policy applies to established plant pests and diseases of high economic significance and those that are listed as notifiable under Schedule 1 to the Regulation.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the NSW DPI policy Biosecurity - Triaging plant pests and diseases.

3. Outcomes

3.1 Threats from notifiable plant pests and diseases are assessed and managed according to a consistent, robust and systematic decision-making process.

- a) Investigation and management of notifiable plant pests and diseases is a priority activity for authorised officers and support staff as set out in the relevant procedure
- b) NSW DPI and LLS develop and lead programs for notifiable and established plant pests and diseases where these are supported by stakeholders
- c) Manage the response to reports of notifiable plant pests and diseases
- d) Build preparedness with industry, the community and environmental sectors to facilitate fast and effective responses to detections of notifiable plant pests and diseases.

Activities

- NSW DPI will develop and make available a standard risk criteria and decision making matrix to assess threats by plant pests and diseases (3.1a)(3.1b)
- Analyse and apply appropriate risk based decision making that is underpinned by scientific evidence and consideration of the predicted impact on the economy, environment or community of NSW (3.1b)
- Maintain and review the notifiable plant pests and diseases listed in Schedule 1 to the Regulation (3.1a)(3.1b)
- Maintain appropriate and efficient reporting channels for notifiable pests and diseases (3.1b)(3.1c)
- Build partnerships with stakeholders including government and non-government to develop agreed approaches to the detection and response to notifiable pests and diseases including cost and resource sharing, decision making mechanisms and identification of key decision makers (3.1d)
- Work with government and stakeholders to provide evidence of absence of notifiable pests and diseases to support and enhance market access of plants and plant products from NSW (3.1d).

3.2 NSW DPI and LLS activities will minimise the incidence and impact of established plant pest and disease threats in NSW.

- a) The impact of established plant pests and diseases on NSW economy, environment and community is minimised.

Activities

- NSW DPI and LLS promote best biosecurity practices in the management of plant pests and diseases, informed by appropriate national programs (3.2a)
- NSW DPI and LLS are involved in management programs for established plants and diseases in NSW, determined by a robust risk assessment process which includes costs benefit analysis and evidence of industry commitment as key determinants for participation (3.2a)
- NSW DPI and LLS will facilitate the provision of advice on the management of established plant pests and diseases and assist stakeholders in identifying appropriate sources of information or expertise (3.2a)
- NSW DPI collaborates with industry in research relevant to the management of established plant pests and diseases (3.2a)
- NSW DPI will continue to provide support and facilitate the management of established plant pests and diseases for market access arrangements (3.2a).

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

- b) Biosecurity as a shared responsibility is proactively promoted by key stakeholders including peak industry bodies.
- c) Stakeholders understand how to discharge their duties under the Act, including their general biosecurity duty, and duty to notify the presence or suspected presence of prohibited matter and notifiable plant pests and diseases.
- d) 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 will promote the awareness and application of the general biosecurity duty to promote plant biosecurity (3.3a)(3.3b)
- Build partnerships with relevant stakeholders to discuss and implement tenets of biosecurity as a shared responsibility (3.3a)(3.3c).

4. Related Procedures

Biosecurity - Reporting Plant Pests and Diseases
Procedure - Biosecurity Collection, use and disclosure if information

5. Definitions and Acronyms

DPI NSW Department of Primary Industries
EPPRD Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed
LLS Local Land Services

6. Legislation

Biosecurity Act 2015
Biosecurity Regulation 2017
Local Land Services Act 2013
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 - Collection, use and disclosure if 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)

8. Revision History

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1.2	21.01.21	Amendment to authorisation date	A/Manager Plant Biosecurity

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