

# NOTIFICATION OF A QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY OUTBREAK AT GOODNIGHT NORTH, NSW

## INTRODUCTION

As a result of a Queensland fruit fly outbreak at GOODNIGHT NORTH, NSW, a 15km restricted area (see map) is in place which affects the movement of fruit throughout Victoria and other sensitive areas including Western Australia, South Australia and parts of New South Wales. There is an 80km suspension area for produce entering Tasmania.

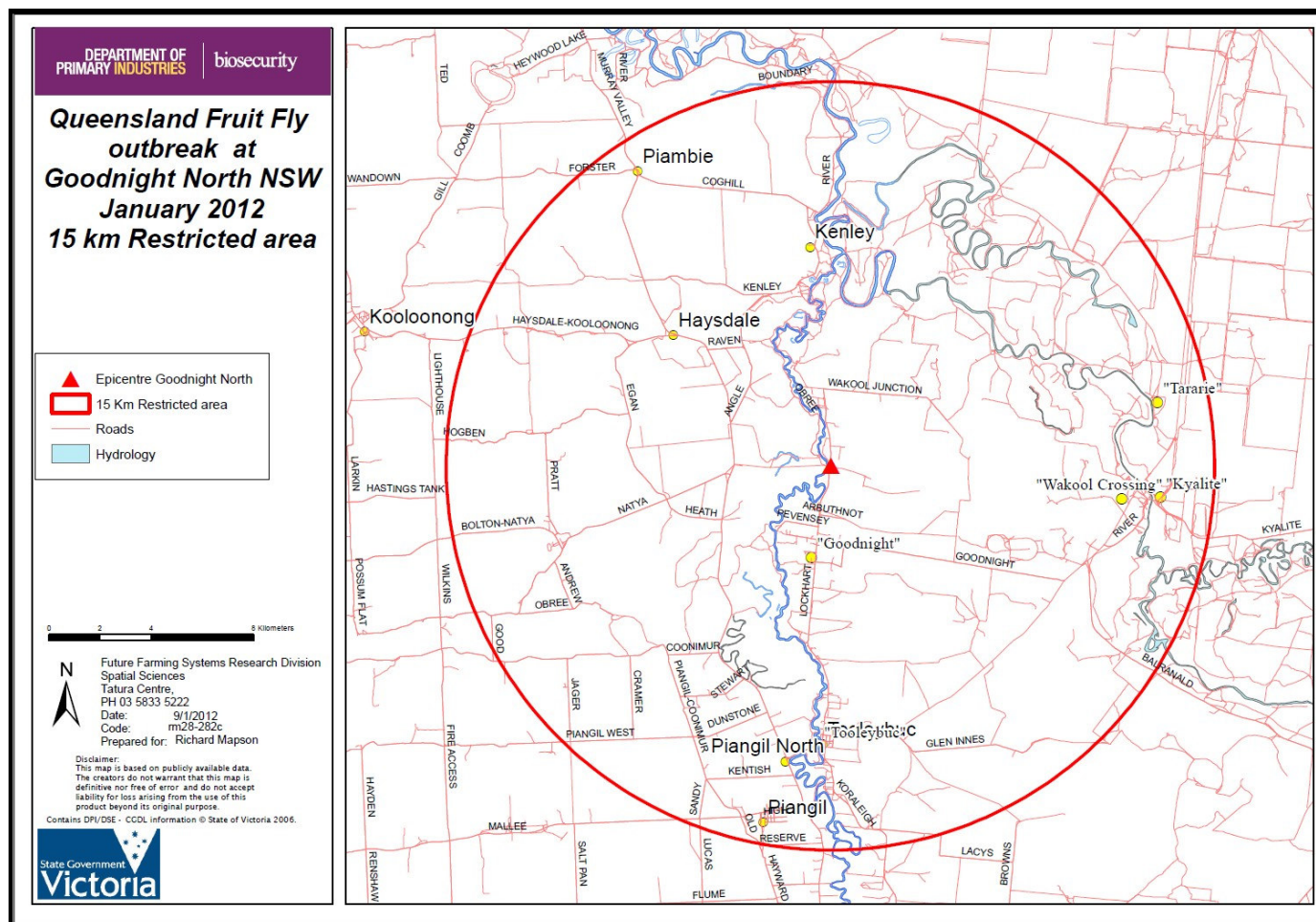


Figure 1: 15km restricted area

## MOVEMENT OF FRUIT FLY HOST PRODUCE

Host produce of Queensland fruit fly must be treated before leaving the restricted area. This includes avocados, citrus (oranges, mandarins, tangelos, limes, grapefruit), figs, persimmons, pomefruit (apples, pears), grapes, eggplants, tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, stone fruit (cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, apricots) and strawberries.

Any host produce harvested prior to **05 JANUARY 2012** can move to fruit fly sensitive markets under area freedom certification providing that it has been stored separately from produce harvested after this date, is labelled and its status is verified by an officer of the Department of Primary Industries.

**Businesses intending to consign any Queensland fruit fly host fruit out of the GOODNIGHT NORTH, NSW 15km restricted area will require a permit issued by DPI Victoria prior to any fruit being consigned.**

## Organic host fruit

Organic host fruit may only be consigned under a permit issued by Plant Standards. Growers must be certified by NASA, BFA or another national authority recognised by AQIS in order to qualify for this permit.

## Processing under permit

Host fruit destined for processing may only be consigned under a permit issued by Plant Standards.

## Treatment options for fruit fly

All treatment of host produce is acceptable for sensitive Victorian markets, with a number of these options available for interstate markets. Post harvest treatments may not be suitable for selected host fruit (strawberries, chillies and capsicums).

Plant Standards Officers can accredit growers/packers to use pre-harvest treatments, and to issue relevant certification, under one of the following arrangements:

• ICA 01: Post-harvest treatment dipping for quarantine	All states
• ICA 02: Post-harvest treatment flood spraying for quarantine	All states
• ICA 03: Post-harvest non-recirculated spray	Vic, NSW, SA, NT
• ICA 04: Post-harvest treatment fumigation for quarantine	All states
• ICA 07: Post-harvest treatment cold storage	All states
• ICA 11: Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of strawberries	Vic, NSW, SA
• ICA 13: Unbroken Skin Condition	Vic, NSW, SA
• ICA 20: Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of table grapes	Vic, NSW, SA
• ICA 21: Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of stonefruit, pome fruit and blueberries	Vic, NSW, SA (lowchill stonefruit only)
• ICA 26: Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of tomatoes, capsicums, chillies and eggplants	Vic, NSW, SA
• ICA 33: Movement of wine grapes	Vic, NSW, SA
• ICA 56: Pre-harvest baiting and inspection	Vic, NSW, SA
Pre-harvest treatment and inspection of host fruit	Vic only

## RECORD KEEPING

Businesses within the restricted area must make and keep records including growers name, property address, produce type and quantity for all fruit received for treatment and/or packing. Treatment records must also be maintained including details of mixture preparation (where appropriate), date of treatment and the type and quantity of fruit treated. These records must be kept for a minimum of 12 months.

## TRANSPORT THROUGH THE RESTRICTED AREA

Produce grown outside the restricted area may be transported through the restricted area to fruit fly sensitive markets provided the produce:

- is in unvented cartons; or
- has been shrink wrapped; or
- is transported in a covered vehicle.

## VERIFICATION OF ALL HOST PRODUCE ON ARRIVAL IN VICTORIA

All products being consigned from the restricted area must be verified on arrival in accordance with the Order by an accredited business or a plant standards officer or person authorised under the Act.

For further information regarding movement and treatment requirements contact DPI on Ph: **(03) 5051 4618**.

For current Queensland fruit fly outbreaks and further information about Queensland fruit fly visit:

[www.dpi.vic.gov.au/qff](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/qff)

**Note: Growers and packers have a responsibility for ensuring that all chemicals are used in accordance with the instructions provided on the APVMA approved chemical label or appropriate APVMA permit, including dosage rates and withholding periods.**

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