

BIOSECURITY ALERT

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Industry

Hendra virus update

Bowen

Three properties remain under quarantine at Bowen. Biosecurity and movement restrictions will continue to apply until Biosecurity Queensland is completely confident there is no chance of any further Hendra virus infection.

The final samples from all horses on the three properties are planned for early October. This timing coincides with a 32 day period since the last risk exposure to Hendra virus. The results from this procedure will inform the final decision for lifting all quarantine conditions.

Cawarral

Three properties remain in quarantine at Cawarral, including the original infected property.

Decontamination procedures have been undertaken on the infected property in areas where previously infected horses had been held. This work is largely complete.

The final samples from all horses on the infected property and a neighbouring property are planned for later this week. This timing coincides with a 32 day period since the last risk exposure to Hendra virus. The results from this procedure will inform the final decision for lifting all quarantine conditions. The third property at Cawarral is in the final stages of resolution prior to lifting of all quarantine restrictions.

Community engagement

The Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries mobile office has left Bowen and returned to its base in southern Queensland. The mobile office proved to be an effective focal point for the community at Bowen and surrounds to access the latest information and advice on Hendra virus.

The Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries website continues to be updated with the latest information on Hendra virus. It is available at

http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/27_2900_ENA_HTML.htm

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