

Queensland *Biosecurity Act 2014*

Biosecurity Surveillance Program 2018-2022

Gympie Regional Council has authorised a 'Biosecurity Surveillance Program' for Invasive Biosecurity Matter in the Gympie Region, pursuant to section 235 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

Biosecurity Matter to which the Biosecurity Surveillance Program relates:

- Invasive biosecurity matter, either prohibited or restricted or other, as included in the schedules to the *Biosecurity Act 2014* or as identified by a regulation.
- Emphasis will be given to invasive biosecurity matter (often described as 'Declared Pests') as included and prioritised in the Gympie Region 'Pest Management Plan 2011-2017' and 'Biosecurity Plan 2018-2022' as adopted by Gympie Regional Council (available on Council's website).

The Purpose of the Program is to:

- Monitor compliance with the *Biosecurity Act 2014* regarding management of prohibited and restricted biosecurity matter.
- Confirm the presence and extent of prohibited and restricted invasive biosecurity matter within the Gympie Region.
- Promote best practice management of invasive biosecurity matter.
- Provide advice and information aimed at enhancing community awareness of the General Biosecurity Obligation.
- Enable Gympie Regional Council to comply with Chapter 3 (Matters Relating to Local Governments), Part 1 (Provisions about Functions and Obligations of Local Governments) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*
- Protect sustainable land use across the Gympie region by reducing the economic, social and environmental impacts of invasive plants and animals.

Period of the Program:

The program will be carried out over a period of five years, commencing from 1 January 2018 and concluding on 31 December 2022.

Area to which to Program applies:

The program is authorised over the whole of the Gympie Regional Council area. Individual properties throughout the stated area will be selected for compliance monitoring based on the observable presence of invasive biosecurity matter and/or receipt of complaint.

Powers of Authorised Officers(s)

During the Surveillance Program, person(s) authorised under section 246 and 247 of the *Act* will make all reasonable efforts to contact the occupier to arrange a property inspection.

During the Surveillance Program, an authorised officer may enter a place (other than a residence, within the Gympie Regional Council Area; without a warrant and without the occupiers consent) and while there exercise any of the general powers given under section 296 of the *Act*.

Obligations Imposed on a Person under the Program:

The following obligations may be imposed on a person who is an occupier of a place to which the program relates:

- Provide such help to an authorised officer as may be required to exercise a general power (under section 297 of the *Act*)

General powers in the Act	Measures an authorised officer may take under the Program
Search any part of the place	<p><i>Search a place to check for the presence or absence of invasive biosecurity matter.</i></p> <p><i>Inspect, examine and film to assist with tracing of carriers to and from a place.</i></p> <p><i>Take samples for the purposes of diagnostic analysis, to ascertain the presence or absence of invasive biosecurity matter.</i></p> <p><i>Identify carriers with tags, notices, flags or signs for any purpose consistent with the Program.</i></p> <p><i>Produce a written and/or electronic note(s) to support Program activities.</i></p> <p><i>Take GPS coordinates to ensure accuracy of location details of carriers or invasive biosecurity matter.</i></p> <p><i>Take a document that is relevant to the objectives of the Program.</i></p>
Inspect ¹ , examine ² or film ³ any part of the place or anything at the place	
Take for examination a thing, or a sample of or from a thing, at the place	
Place an identifying mark in or on anything at the place	
Place a sign or notice at the place	
Produce an image or writing at the place from an electronic document or, to the extent it is not practicable, take a thing containing an electronic document to another place to produce an image or writing	
Take to, into or onto the place and use any person, detection animal, equipment and materials the authorised officer reasonably requires for exercising the authorised officer's powers under this division	
Destroy biosecurity matter or a carrier if the authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds the biosecurity matter or carrier presents a significant biosecurity risk; and the owner of the biosecurity matter or carrier consents to its destruction	
Remain at the place for the time necessary to achieve the purpose of the entry	
The authorised officer may take a necessary step to allow the exercise of a general power	
If the authorised officer takes a document from the place to copy it, the authorised officer must copy and return the document to the place as soon as practicable	
If the authorised officer takes from the place an article or device reasonably capable of producing a document from an electronic document to produce the document, the authorised officer must produce the document and return the article or device to the place as soon as practicable.	

An authorised officer may make a requirement (a **help requirement**) of an occupier of the place or a person at the place to give the authorised officer reasonable help to exercise a general power⁴.

An authorised officer may carry out, or direct another person to carry out, aerial control measures for invasive biosecurity matter in relation to a place. Under the program these measures including aerial, vehicle and/or physical inspection of the place or thing.

¹ Section 296(5) defines **inspect**, a thing, to include open the thing and examine its contents.

² Section 296(5) defines **examine** to include analyse, test, account, measure, weigh, grade, gauge and identify.

³ Section 296(5) defines **film** to include photograph, videotape and record an image in another way.

⁴ See section 297 (Power to require reasonable help) of the Act.



Approved by resolution of Council.

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Notice of this program is given under delegation by

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Position:

Date: