**Dickeya dianthicola**

What happens if samples from my property test positive?

- If *Dickeya dianthicola* is detected in potato samples taken from your property, you will be given a Pest Control Notice under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (the BAM Act).

- These Notices outline specific requirements to be carried out by property owners to minimise the risk of the pest being spread.

- This includes not being able to move infected plants/tubers from your property without a written notice from an authorised inspector under the BAM Act.

- Infected properties were previously issued with Quarantine Notices, which was used because the pest was not a declared pest under the BAM Act. *Dickeya dianthicola* has since been declared.

- Penalties apply for non-compliance.

How can I get approval to move and sell my potatoes?

- DPIRD staff will work with growers who have been issued a Notice to carry out a risk assessment of your operations and help develop a plan for the movement and sale of your ware and seed potatoes. Each property will be assessed on a case by case basis.

- At a minimum, any infected variety cannot be moved off your property, but may be planted on your property.

- Uninfected crops can be sold, but only to an approved packing facility and according to protocols for the management of waste material and water.

- This will allow you to continue to carry out, as much as possible, your normal business activities while at the same time minimising any risk of spreading the pest.

For current updates on *Dickeya dianthicola* in Western Australia, visit agric.wa.gov.au/ddianthicola