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# Industry update – Queensland fruit fly (Qfly)

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is intensifying efforts in Perth's southern suburbs to eradicate the serious garden and agricultural pest, Queensland fruit fly (Qfly).

A response team of more than 200 personnel continue to liaise with Industry stakeholders and the community, working towards an effective eradication program that is completed as quickly as possible.

#### **Quarantine Area**

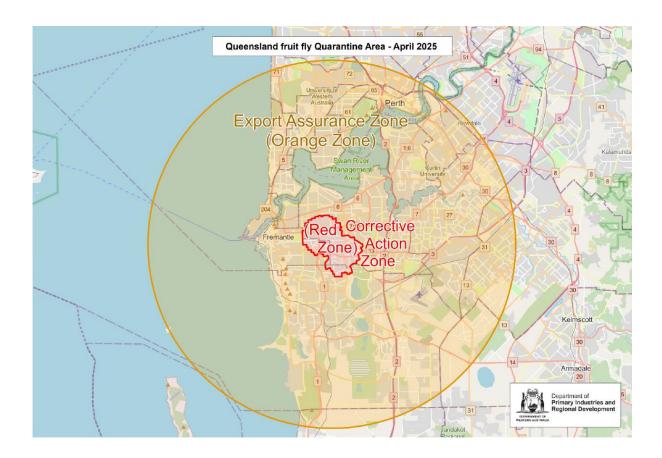
Under Australia's National Fruit Fly Management Protocol, reinstatement of pest area freedom depends on the absence of wild fruit fly adults and larvae in the Quarantine Area.

Under these guidelines, the current <u>Quarantine Area Notice</u> (QAN) is being extended, until 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025, with a significantly reduced Corrective Action Zone (Red Zone) to focus the biosecurity response efforts. This date may be extended if Qfly continues to be detected.

As of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the revised Corrective Action Zone (CAZ) will include the suburbs of Willagee, Palmyra, Melville, O'Connor, Kardinya and Samson, as well as parts of Coolbellup, Murdoch, North lake and Winthrop. The support of Industry and the community, along with a rapid response effort, has been key to containing the incident. The areas that have been excluded from the CAZ (red zone) as per the new QAN, are now included in the Export Assurance Zone (Orange Zone), see map below.

Residents and businesses must continue to comply with all requirements of the QAN, including host fruit removal, treatment and movement, until pest area freedom has been achieved and the QAN has been lifted or expired.

DPIRD would like to thank everyone affected by the incident for their continued support with our efforts to eradicate this invasive pest.



## Other key updates

- Ongoing surveillance: As of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, DPIRD field teams have made more than 40,000 property visits and collected 364 fruit samples for testing.
- Baiting operations and treatment: 7,900 properties have now been baited, and 10,685 Daclure® Cue-Lure fruit fly stations have been deployed within the Quarantine Area. Street trees and properties within the reduced CAZ will continue to be baited once a week.
- Market education/compliance: DPIRD will continue to liaise with Perth Markets, Fremantle Markets, vendors and buyers to ensure they are aware of the new Quarantine Area Notice and mitigation measures remain in place throughout the Quarantine Area.
- **Communications:** The team continues to raise awareness and engage with the public through a variety of mediums, with a presence at key events and markets within the Quarantine Area, as well as through media and social media platforms.
- Local government: Regular updates and support continue to be provided to Local Government Authorities.

## Biosecurity and reporting

Reports of suspected Qfly can be made to DPIRD's Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080 or via the MyPestGuide® Reporter app or website.

### More information

More information on Qfly and the biosecurity response, including previous industry updates, can be found on the department's website <a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/qfly">https://www.wa.gov.au/qfly</a> as the response progresses.

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