



Biosecurity Surveillance Program for Restricted and Prohibited Matter

Pursuant to the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, on February 20, 2019, Cook Shire Council authorised the Cook Shire Council Biosecurity Surveillance Program 2019-2023.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the program in the Cook Shire Local Government Area is to:

- a) Confirm the presence, and find out the extent of the presence in Cook Shire, of prohibited or restricted biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- b) Confirm the absence in Cook Shire of prohibited or restricted biosecurity matter to which the program relates;
- c) Monitor the effects of measures taken in response to a biosecurity risk posed by prohibited or restrictive matter;
- d) Conduct inspections on public and private land to determine the presence, extent and risk posed by prohibited or restricted matter (formerly known as declared weeds and pest animals). Surveillance will be conducted by Authorised Officers, predominantly by visual ground inspection. Inspection may also be undertaken by aerial survey or fixed camera traps;
- e) Provide information and advice to the property owner or relevant party regarding the level of risk and appropriate control measures required to meet the owner or relevant party's general biosecurity obligation;
- f) Provide information about support programs that may be available; and
- g) Monitor treatment programs and enforce compliance where necessary.

PROGRAM AREA

The surveillance program is authorised for the whole of the Cook Shire Local Government Area. Individual properties will be selected for inspection based on observation or known presence of prohibited or restricted biosecurity matter, or the receipt of reports or complaints.

START DATE AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

The program will start on March 27, 2019 and continue for a period of four years.

AVAILABILITY OF A COPY OF THE PROGRAM AUTHORISED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A copy of the program (including its authorisation) is available for inspection or purchase (\$6.90 per copy) at the Cook Shire Council office at 10 Furneaux Street, Cooktown. A digital copy is also available to view and print at no cost on the Cook Shire Council website at www.cook.qld.gov.au.