Industry Update - Detection of Queensland fruit fly in Coolbellup

4 February 2021

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responding to eradicate an outbreak of Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) in Coolbellup and surrounds, after the pest was trapped in the area.

As part of this response, the Perth Markets in Canning Vale are now in a Qfly wider Quarantine Area (QA) (please see the map overleaf). This QA includes measures for Qfly host produce, to stop any further spread of this pest as described in the Quarantine Area Notice (website link agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdate).

We must do all we can to keep Western Australia's Qfly-free status – it protects our export market access.

What you need to do – sellers and buyers of Qfly host produce

Everyone dealing with Qfly host produce at the Perth Markets in Canning Vale must comply with the conditions of the Quarantine Area Notice. Follow one of the simple steps below to ensure Qfly host produce is kept free of fruit fly and can continue to be traded.

1. Use fly-proof packaging – ensure all Qfly host produce is covered in fly-proof packaging. This means there are no gaps greater than 1.6mm in the packaging. Examples of fly-proof packaging include fly-proof bags/mesh cardboard boxes sealed with tape (no holes) or plastic bags (tied or sealed).

2. Keep host produce inside – remove all host produce from an open-air environment and keep it enclosed in screened buildings, cold rooms, vehicles or other facilities free from gaps or other entry points greater than 1.6 mm.

If produce is not managed in accordance with the options above, it will need additional treatment before it can be moved from within the wider Quarantine Area to other parts of Western Australia or Australia.
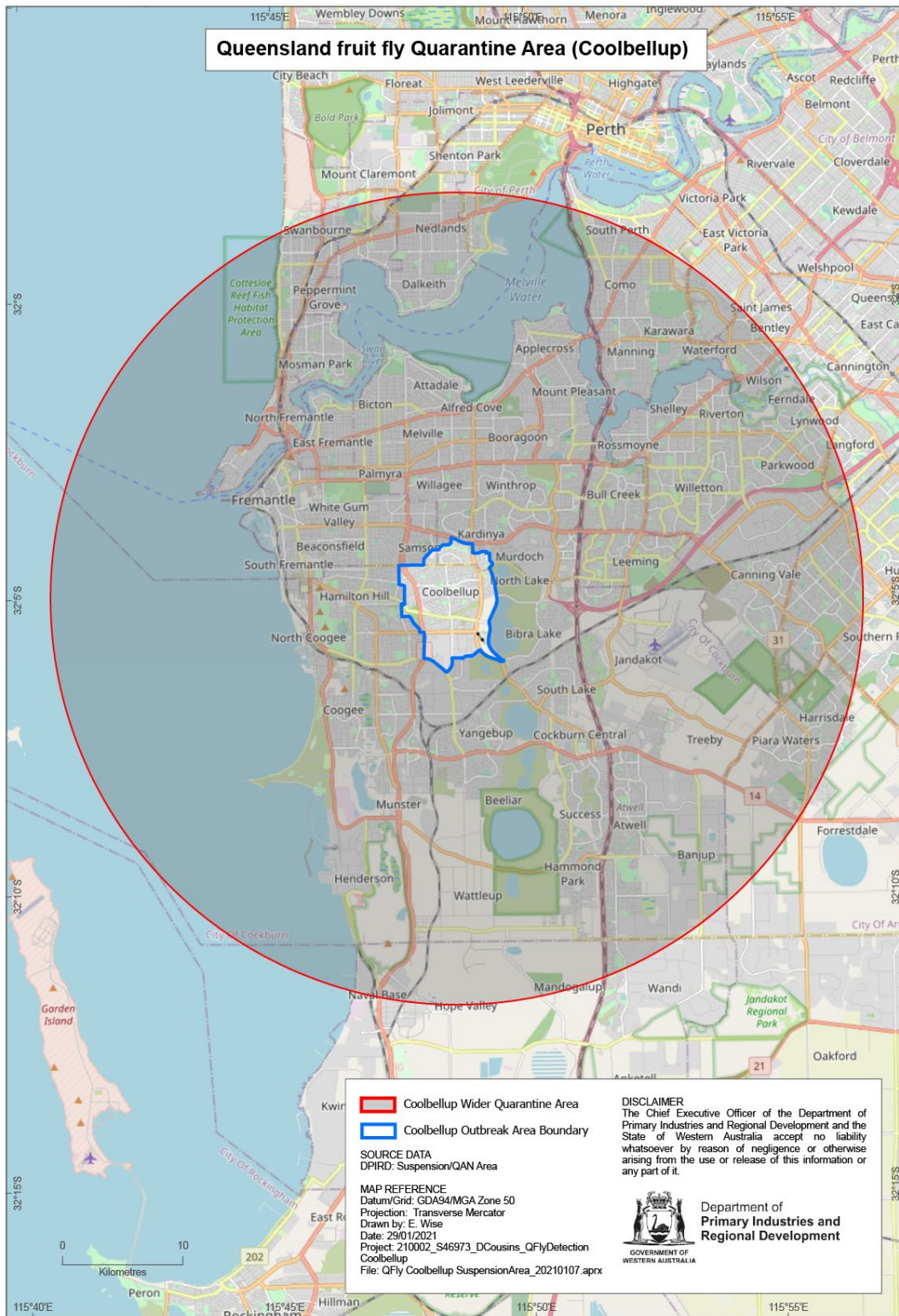
All Qfly produce destined for interstate markets must continue to be moved in accordance with the import requirements of the interstate market. Quarantine WA can provide advice on this – refer to https://www.interstatequarantine.org.au/

Where can I get further information?

For the latest information on Qfly visit agric.wa.gov.au/qflyupdate or scan the QR code.

Enquiries can also be directed to DPIRD, Industry Liaison - Ian Wilkinson on 97806278/0459846705 or email ians.wilkinson@dpird.wa.gov.au

Queensland fruit fly Quarantine Area (Coolbellup)

Legend:
- Coolbellup Wider Quarantine Area
- Coolbellup Outbreak Area Boundary

SOURCE DATA
DPIRD: Suspension/QAN Area

MAP REFERENCE
Datum/Grid: GDA94/MGA Zone 50
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Drawn by: E. Wise
Date: 29/01/2021
Project: 210002_S46973_DCousins_QFlyDetection Coolbellup
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