



Industry update – Queensland fruit fly (Qfly)

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is continuing its comprehensive response to the detection of Qfly in Perth's southern suburbs. Baiting, surveillance and community engagement activity continued over the Christmas break and is now intensifying as staff return to work and response requirements increase.

The Qfly response is operating out of the new State Biosecurity Response Centre in Canning Vale with a forward command post established at Winnacott Reserve in Willagee.

Key updates

- **Ongoing surveillance:** Approximately 30 DPIRD staff and more than 120 contract staff are now working in the response, with numbers set to increase in the coming weeks.
- **Trapping:** Existing Qfly traps as well as supplementary traps installed to improve surveillance continue to trap flies near the initial detection.
- **Baiting operations:** Street trees near Qfly detections are being baited twice weekly with all other street trees in the red zone of the Quarantine Area being baited weekly. Visits to residential properties commenced on 16 December 2024 and will increase as staff numbers increase throughout January.
- **Market education/compliance:** DPIRD officers are working closely with Perth Markets and vendors and buyers in the central trading area to ensure measures designed to mitigate the risk of Qfly spread are in place. Officers have also been visiting weekend farmers markets, supermarkets and grocers – particularly in the busy lead-up to the Christmas period. A reference group has been formed with Markets West and Market City operators to enhance 2-way communication and effective implementation of quarantine measures.
- **Local government:** The Incident Management Team (IMT) is meeting with LGAs to provide regular updates and assist with any enquiries related to the management of host waste and community engagement.

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](#).

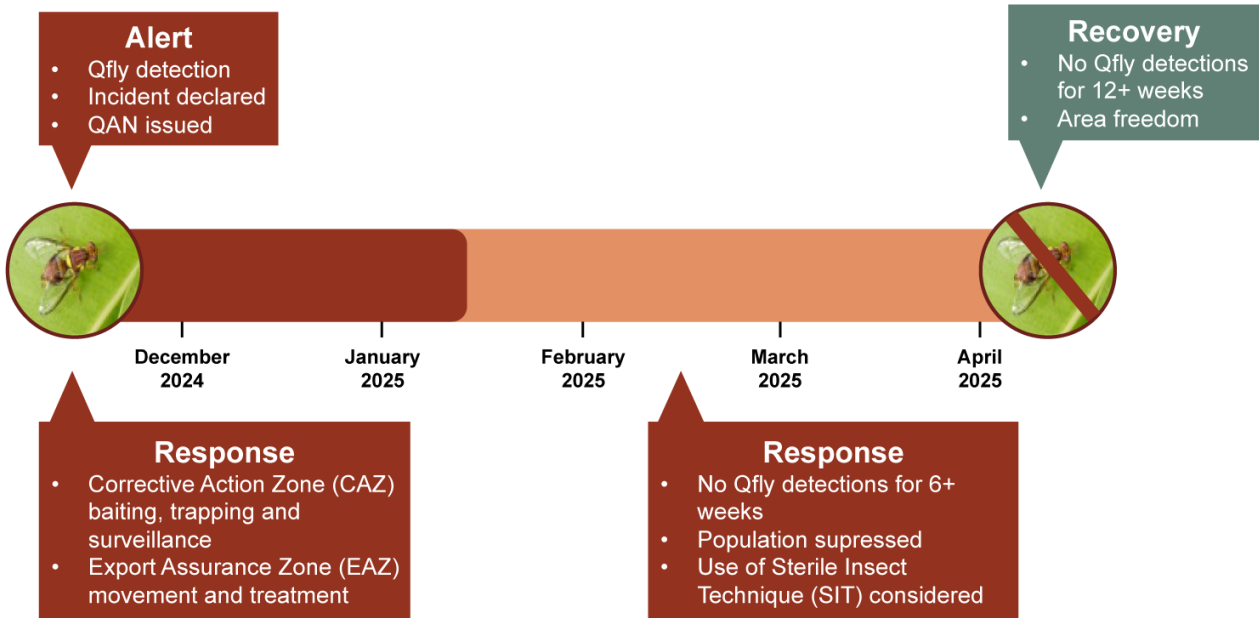
Quarantine Area

Under the 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.

The current Quarantine Area Notice is in effect until 6 April 2025. This date may be extended if a Qfly continues to be detected.

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

Qfly response timeline



More information

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

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