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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

Mr Tim Whestone MP
Member for Chaffey
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By email: chaffey@parliament.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Whestone

Jim,

Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Minister for Forest Industries on 15 May 2026 requesting access to the following:

"A copy of all correspondence (including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, reports, emails, letters, attached documents and any other correspondence) relating to any actions taken or proposed to be taken towards fruit fly in South Australia between the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (including the Minister and the Minister's staff) and:

- 1. The Office of the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (including the Minister and the Minister's staff).*
- 2. National Cabinet."*

Timeframe: 01/01/2025 to 15/05/2026

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located nine documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

Please note, no documents were located with respect to the second point of your application (correspondence between the Minister and Minister's staff and National Cabinet).

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development
Minister for Forest Industries

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Determination 1

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in full**

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Email from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, dated 29 August 2025	1
1a	Attachment to Document 1 – Letter from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development dated 28 August 2025 regarding renewal of the National Plant Health Surveillance Program	5
2	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, dated 09 October 2025	1
2a	Attachment to Document 2 – Letter from the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry dated 09 October 2025 regarding the National Plant Health Surveillance Program	1
2b	Attachment to Document 2 – National Plant Health Surveillance Program – Federation Funding Agreement – signed by Minister Scriven 09 October 2025	3
3	Email from the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, dated 19 January 2026	1
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Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Jessica Scudds on 8226 2931 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES

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Good morning,

Please find **attached** correspondence from Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, regarding a National Partnership Agreement to renew the National Plant Health Surveillance Program (NPHSP) for a further 4 years.

The schedule is enclosed for signing.

Kind regards,

Office of Julie Collins MP

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Clare
Dear Minister

I write to seek your agreement to the enclosed National Partnership Agreement to renew the National Plant Health Surveillance Program (NPHSP) for a further 4 years.

The NPHSP is Australia's primary post-border surveillance program for the national priority plant pests and a longstanding joint initiative of all Australian governments. The program aims to detect these high-risk species in the areas where they are most likely to first establish, maximising the likelihood of their successful eradication, and protecting our agricultural industries, environment and community from their impact.

For the last four years, this partnership has been codified through a schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement – Environment. The independent review of the program completed last year recommended that this arrangement continue, noting that it has brought funding stability, shared responsibility and national consistency.

On this basis, the Albanese Government has committed \$5 million to the renewal of the program over the next four years, an increase of 25% over the current program, and invites your government to match the Commonwealth's contribution with in-kind through dedicated resources to deliver the NPHSP within your jurisdiction.

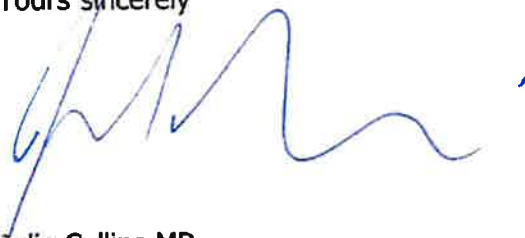
The enclosed NPHSP schedule has been developed in consultation with your Chief Plant Health Manager through both their Plant Health Committee and the National Biosecurity Committee. The terms of the agreement remain broadly similar to the

existing schedule, with an updated funding allocation based on each state or territory's respective population.

I ask that you confirm your agreement to this arrangement by signing and returning the enclosed NPHSP schedule to the Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) – Environment as soon as possible.

I have written in similar terms to all relevant State and Territory ministers and look forward to your government's continued support for this essential national program.

Yours sincerely

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Julie Collins MP

28 / 8 / 2025

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National Plant Health Surveillance Program

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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Julie Collins MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by

The Honourable Clare Scriven MLC
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

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Kind regards,

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The Hon Julie Collins MP
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Dear Minister *Julie,*

Thank you for your letter regarding the National Partnership Agreement to renew the National Plant Health Surveillance Program for a further four years.

Please find attached a signed copy of the of National Partnership Agreement (Attachment A).

South Australia values the continuation of this national initiative, which underpins the strong biosecurity system within Australia, and provides critical capability for early detection of exotic plant pests. The program also provides evidence for Area of Freedom certification to support domestic and international trade and strengthens our shared capacity to respond to biosecurity risks in an effective manner.

We confirm our commitment to work collaboratively with the Commonwealth and other state and territory governments to deliver the agreed outcomes under the renewed National Plant Health Surveillance Program.

Thank you for your continued leadership in maintaining a strong and coordinated plant biosecurity system for Australia.

Once again, thank you for writing to me regarding the renewal of our National Partnership Agreement for the National Plant Health Surveillance Program.

Yours sincerely

Hon Clare Scriven MLC
MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Attachment A: Signed National Partnership Agreement to renew the National Plant Health Surveillance Program

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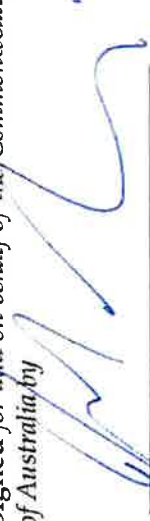
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Dear Minister Collins

Julie,

I write to add to previous communications regarding fruit fly protocols. At Agricultural Ministers Meeting 03/2022, Ministers agreed to resolve National Fruit Fly Management Protocol trade issues through the National Biosecurity Committee and its relevant subcommittees. It was agreed that the Committee should review the size of the Controlled Movement (Suspension) Zone (CMZ) for Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) to reduce it from 15 km to 7.5 km in line with international practice for Mediterranean fruit fly.

After significant work by national technical experts in fruit fly, a technical case was made to reduce the size of the zone.

On 21 March 2024, the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, hosted an industry meeting on the proposed changes to reduce the 15km zone. This meeting aimed to inform relevant national and state industry bodies about the proposed change.

I understand that eighteen industry bodies attended the meeting or watched a recording. At the time most industry bodies were in strong opposition of any change to the Fruit Fly Protocol that would result in the department needing to re-negotiate a reduced CMZ with international trading partners, as many trading partners are highly sensitive to the fruit fly situation in Australia because of the ongoing outbreaks.

I am writing now to advise that this issue remains a significant issue for South Australian growers. Through the consultation process undertaken in 2024, we identified treatment costs exceeding \$1 million that growers within the 15km zone were having to apply to produce, even though the risk of infestation cannot be technically justified.

As I understand it, making this change remains largely a trade risk, rather than lacking in technical merit and with that in mind, I ask whether the Australian government has

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made any progress since this risk was raised around 2-years ago in enabling a more sensible outcome to be applied.

The Malinauskas Government is committed to removing unnecessary trade restrictions on our growers and remains available to assist in providing whatever support might be required to progress this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Clare Scriven MLC

**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Good morning,

Please find **attached** correspondence from the Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in response to your letter dated 19 January 2026.

Kind regards,

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Clare
Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 19 January 2026 regarding the review of the Controlled Movement Zone (CMZ) for Queensland fruit fly (Qfly). I apologise for the delay in my response.

As you have noted, substantial work was undertaken by national technical experts to examine a potential reduction in the size of the CMZ for Qfly, which is a requirement for outbreak responses under the Australia's National Fruit Fly Management Protocol (ANFFMP).

The ANFFMP, which guides domestic fruit fly management practices, also has a critical role in underpinning over \$1 billion of export trade in horticultural commodities by providing confidence to trading partners that Australia has an effective system in place to manage pests of biosecurity concern.

In April 2024, Australian horticulture industry representatives were consulted on the proposal to amend the CMZ, including the expected benefits and risks.

The proposal provided did not adequately consider how the risk from other forms of dispersal would be mitigated. Coupled with a high level of international scrutiny of Australia's fruit management systems due to historical high detections, and the national impact of any changes to the ANFFMP, industries provided consistent and strong advice that the proposal presented significant risk to international market access and that progressing changes to the CMZ was not a priority.

While it was recognised that the current arrangements may be burdensome, multiple lines of research, preferably undertaken through international collaboration, would be required to develop a robust technical case in support of trading partner acceptance.

The outcomes of this consultation were reported to the National Biosecurity Committee, which concluded that the Australian Fruit Fly Technical Advisory Subcommittee should cease continuing to develop the technical case.

I acknowledge the resilience and ongoing commitment of South Australian horticulture industries in managing the challenges associated with responding to Qfly outbreaks, and also the ongoing support provided to these industries and regional communities from the South Australian government.

Yours sincerely

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Julie Collins MP

5 / 3 / 2026