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Dear Mr Lightowler

**Decision Regulatory Impact Statement – Queensland Biosecurity Regulation**

Thank you for your enquiry of 30 March 2016 seeking advice on the adequacy of the 'Queensland Biosecurity Regulation' Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

We note that since the release of the Consultation RIS on these matters on 16 October 2014:

- the OBPR assessed as adequate, in April 2015, a previous version of the Decision RIS that incorporated consultation in relation to proposals to manage cattle ticks and bee and mango pests
- the Department has undertaken further consultation with representatives of banana growers, following the detection of the 'Panama Tropical Race 4' banana disease

Given this, the Department requested further assessment of the RIS in relation to the outstanding issues of managing banana pests, increasing biosecurity fees to reflect full cost recovery, and the introduction of a new property registration fee.

The purpose of a Decision RIS is to inform the decision maker of submissions received during consultation and how those views were taken into consideration in developing final recommendations.

In assessing the Decision RIS, we consider that the Department has thoroughly summarised the key issues raised in submissions from stakeholders on the Consultation RIS and addressed relevant matters where appropriate. We therefore consider that it is adequate to support the decision maker's consideration of the regulatory proposal.

Please contact Sean Mackay, Principal Analyst on (07) 3015 5149 if you require any additional information or guidance in relation to the above comments or the RIS guidelines in general.

Yours sincerely

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