

# Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment

## Supplementary Update

### Government Administration Committee 'B' Sub-Committee

#### Inquiry into Blueberry Rust

**22 August 2018**

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment makes the following submission to questions asked 15 August 2018 by the Government Administration Committee 'B' Sub-Committee Inquiry into Blueberry Rust.

1. Please update Table 6 within the Department's submission to the Inquiry dated 30 October 2017 to reflect the current status of all properties impacted since the confirmed outbreak at 1IP in August 2016.

*Table 1 Current regulatory status of all properties infected with blueberry rust*

Property	Approx. number of blueberry plants	Direction Notice under the <i>Plant Quarantine Act 1997</i>	Site Management Plan Established	Infected Area Declaration under the <i>Plant Quarantine Act 1997</i>
1IP	150,000	10 August 2016	17 August 2016	8 December 2016
2IP	100	13 April 2017	13 April 2017 ➤ Updated and signed 30 October 2017, served 11 November 2017	Pending as of 18 October 2017 ➤ Signed 30 October 2017, served 11 November 2017
3IP	100	13 April 2017	13 April 2017	Pending as of 18 October 2017 ➤ All plants removed from the site by landowner – a voluntary decision. No longer an IP.
4IP	1400	30 October 2017	30 October 2017	30 November 2017

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			➤ Updated 30 November 2017	
5IP	Approx. 600	N/A <sup>1</sup>	5 June 2018	5 June 2018

2. Please supply a list of the 2016 infected Premises (similar to that provided in the submission at Appendix 3 - 2014 Infected Premises List).

*Table 2: 2016 Infected Premises List*

Infected Premises (IP)	Address	Confirmation Date
1IP	315 Zig Zag Rd, Sulphur Creek, TAS 7316	10 August 2016
2IP	161 Rawlings Road, Upper Stowport, TAS 7321	6 March 2017
3IP	380 Glance Creek Road, Upper Stowport, TAS 7321	8 March 2017
4IP	2764 Sheffield Rd, Sheffield, TAS 7306	27 October 2017
5IP	70 Wandering Gully Rd, Milabena, TAS 7325	22 May 2018

3. Please advise the date that Area Freedom was declared following the 2014 outbreak.

Area Freedom was declared 8 June 2016 following the 2014 outbreak.

4. Please confirm whether Tasmanian blueberry producers have been able to continue to access markets in the blueberry rust-free states through 2018.

Yes - blueberry producers have been able to continue to access markets in the blueberry rust-free states using arrangements negotiated with protocol States by Biosecurity Tasmania.

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<sup>1</sup> For IP'S 1-4 Direction Notices were issued as interim measures prior to the Infected Area declarations. In the case of 5IP Biosecurity Tasmania proceeded with making the declaration to improve the efficiency of the process.