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To whom it may concern,

Feedback: Draft Pest Risk Analysis for Cut Flower and Foliage Imports—Part 1

On behalf of the Australian Cut Flower and Foliage industry we are providing the following feedback on the Draft Pest Risk Analysis for Cut Flower and Foliage Imports—Part 1. We also welcome the first full risk analysis being undertaken on the import pathway for cut flowers and foliage into Australia.

We think that the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources’ consideration that the risk management measures proposed in the PRA will provide an ALOP against the pests identified as associated with the trade of fresh cut flowers and foliage from all countries is placing too much confidence in those measures.

Our concern specifically centres around the reliance on the revised the import conditions for fresh cut flowers and foliage that came into effect on 1 March 2018. The data released by the department from the three months after the conditions were introduced, clearly illustrate that the revised conditions have not had the desired effect in reducing the pest interceptions at the border. Therefore it is clear that further action will be required to reduce the pest load on imported flowers from some countries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this document. If you would like clarification on anything in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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