

Queensland Department of Primary Industries submission on the additional fruit fly consultation

Thanks for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed inclusion of a new fruit fly species, *Zeugodacus tau*, in the final report for *Melon Fruit from Japan: Biosecurity Import Requirements*.

As part of the stakeholder consultation, we have reviewed the following DAFF documents:

1. Pest categorisation entry (final report Appendix B)
2. Pest risk assessment (final report, Chapter 3)
3. Recommended risk management measures (final report, Chapter 4).

After the review, Queensland Department of Primary Industries (QDPI) provides the following response:

- **Supports** the identification of *Z. tau* as a potential quarantine pest that requires a comprehensive pest risk assessment (PRA) (Appendix B).
- **Agrees** with the pest risk rating of 'Low' in the PRA, noting that it exceeds Australia's Appropriate Level of Protection (ALOP) and warrants management (Chapter 3).
- **Endorses** the proposed risk management measures for *Z. tau* on the melon import pathway, which align with existing policy settings (Chapter 4).

QDPI appreciates the opportunity to provide input and requests to be kept informed of the following steps as this process moves forward.