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## SUBMISSION TO THE 'DRAFT GROUP PEST RISK ANALYSIS FOR SOFT AND HARD SCALE INSECTS ON FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLE, CUT-FLOWER AND FOLIAGE IMPORTS'

Dear Chris,

I refer to Biosecurity Advice 2020-P11 dated 06 November 2020, inviting comment on the *Draft* group pest risk analysis for soft and hard scale insects on fresh fruit, vegetable, cut-flower and foliage imports.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has considered the draft report and welcomes DAWEs ongoing recognition of WA prohibited organisms (s12) as regional pests.

DPIRD will support the findings of this review pending resolution of the comments in the attached document.

Western Australia continues to take a strong interest in all import risk analyses and any related documents and decisions made by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further please contact myself on (08) 9368 3224 or <a href="mainto:marc.poole@dpird.wa.gov.au">marc.poole@dpird.wa.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Dr Sonya Broughton Chief Plant Biosecurity Officer

ATT 1 - DPIRD SUBMISSION - Soft and hard scales

ATT2 - Submission form - Soft and hard scales