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**SUBMISSION TO THE 'MELONS FROM JAPAN': BIOSECURITY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS  
DRAFT REPORT'**

Dear Peter,

I refer to Biosecurity Advice 2024-P04 dated 17 October 2024, inviting comments on the *Draft report for melons from Japan: biosecurity import requirements*.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has considered the draft report and acknowledges that the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has addressed earlier comments provided by DPIRD on the draft pest categorisation.

DPIRD supports the findings of the draft report regarding categorisation and risk assessments for the identified potential quarantine pests, and the proposed risk mitigation measures.

Western Australia continues to maintain a strong interest in all import risk analyses and any related documents and decisions made by DAFF.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact Nichole Hammond on (08) 9368 3967 or [Nichole.Hammond@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:Nichole.Hammond@dpird.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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