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Dear Dr Grant

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Queensland (DAFF Queensland) has reviewed the *'Draft report for the non-regulated analysis of existing policy for fresh lychee fruit from Taiwan and Vietnam'* (hereafter referred to as the Draft Report).

Overall DAFF Queensland agrees that the risk management measures proposed in the Draft Report are sufficient to mitigate the risks of importation. However, DAFF Queensland does have a concern regarding the risk management options identified for litchi fruit borer (*Conopomorpha sinensis*).

In the Draft Report (page 78), the risk management options for litchi fruit borer are identified as cold treatment, orchard control and inspection and remedial action. In the absence of scientific references, DAFF Queensland would find it of some comfort if the basis for accepting these processes as effective is provided in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft review. DAFF Queensland would appreciate being included in any further review processes leading to the finalisation of this report.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Noye', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jack Noye
Director-General
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