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PLANT BIOSECURITY POLICY MEMORANDUM 2001/13

**DRAFT IRA ON NEW ZEALAND APPLES -
DRAFT INVENTORY OF ISSUES RAISED**

This Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum (PBPM) provides stakeholders with a draft inventory of all the issues Biosecurity Australia has identified in the submissions on the draft IRA on New Zealand apples.

PBPM 2001/11 of 24 May 2001 provided stakeholders with information regarding the progress of this IRA and foreshadowed the production of an inventory of issues raised in stakeholders' submissions.

Biosecurity Australia has produced the inventory as a first step towards identifying and addressing issues which need to be resolved before the final IRA is prepared. The decision to prepare an inventory was taken in light of the extensive interest from stakeholders in having opportunities to contribute to this IRA. We are also keen for stakeholders to have feedback on the range of comments that have been made. The structure of the inventory will form the framework for Biosecurity Australia's initial response to those comments, work on which has been on-going since the close of the comment period. As outlined in Plant Biosecurity Policy Memorandum 2001/11 of 24 May 2001, this response will be in the form of a Scientific Review Paper.

The attached inventory is a draft document, so stakeholders have an opportunity to ensure that their concerns are being considered by Biosecurity Australia. Please note that in many cases we have transcribed the actual text from submissions. However, in other cases we have paraphrased sections. This has resulted in a blended document that is not totally consistent in style.

Although each submission is available on the public file (with the exception of two confidential submissions), I expect that those who contributed to the 141 submissions made during the comment period will have the most interest in making comments at this stage. I have therefore written to them directly, indicating the subject headings under which we have grouped their comments in the draft inventory.

You will now have thirty days in which to comment. At the end of this period, Biosecurity Australia will inform stakeholders of substantive changes that are necessary to finalise the inventory.



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Once finalised, the inventory will help us make sure that all the comments made in submissions are addressed in the Scientific Review Paper, and ultimately the final IRA.

Finally, I encourage you to maximise your involvement in this process so that we can ensure that we arrive at the most scientifically rigorous and practical policy possible on this issue. If you have any comments on this draft inventory please forward them on or before **6 August 2001** to:

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