

Guidelines

Suggested answers for DAF Qld Cattle Tick Management Survey (provided by TEA)

New regulations proposed by DAF to be applied under the new Biosecurity Bill will:

- Reduce the size of the Qld cattle tick free zone
- Relax the movement conditions and treatment requirements applying to cattle moving through or into the tick free zone
- Remove assurances that “on line” clearance centres (and consequently “on line” clearance) will be available to clear stock into the tick free zone
- Terminate support for properties in the free zone adjoining the infested zone. (These are the properties which “hold the line” in protecting the free zone).
- These proposed changes, if enacted, would constitute a considerable threat to the maintenance of the tick free zone.

For beef producers interested in keeping the tick free zone clear of cattle tick, the TEA (Tick Eradication Associations) have developed the following guidelines to which producers may wish to refer when completing the attached “Qld Cattle Tick Management Survey”.

The most important questions are questions 9, 10 & 11.

Suggested RESPONSES:

- Question 9 - STRONGLY DISAGREE
- Question 10 - STRONGLY AGREE
- Question 11 - STRONGLY DISAGREE

NOTE: Voting in favour of “Option 2” (in question 10) will support the retention of the tick line in its present position where the entire control area is included in the free zone. The control area (of the tick free zone) has always been included in the tick free zone and should remain so.

Questions 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been framed in such a way as to support “Option 3”. These questions should be considered carefully before a response is made.

Suggested RESPONSES:

- Question 5 and Question 6 - tick both yes and no.
- Question 7 and Question 8 - tick every box including other and comment: “Any feature which can prevent the movement of cattle can be used as a buffer”.

DAF favours “Option 3”. Adoption of “Option 3” would seriously compromise the position of a large number of producers in the free zone. On behalf of these producers and the free zone generally, it is important that DAF be sent a message that “Option 2” is the only acceptable option.

Responding to the survey in the manner outlined above will assist in clearly making this point. If you have already lodged your survey online and now wish to modify your responses, please print the survey, carry out the alterations and lodge the amended form with DAF prior to 29th February.

Please forward this email to your contacts, particularly those in the cattle tick free zone, and invite them to complete this survey accordingly and return it to DAF at:

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