

BIOSECURITY ALERT

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## Hendra virus - final update

Biosecurity Queensland has completed the response to the two Hendra virus incidents in the state – one at Cawarral and the other at Bowen. All quarantines on all properties in the Cawarral and Bowen districts were lifted on Tuesday, 13 October after final results were received from the Australian Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong that showed no evidence of Hendra virus infection.

There are no longer any quarantine measures in place, or any restrictions on horse movements to and from properties for Hendra virus in Queensland.

At the peak of the response, 22 properties had movement restrictions in place, including one property in New South Wales. Five horses were confirmed with Hendra virus during the two incidents. All died or were euthanased.

Horse and property owners are reminded of the extensive amount of information available on the website about Hendra virus and biosecurity measures that can be applied to minimise the risk of exposure to Hendra virus for horses, and through them, to people.

The website will continue to be updated regularly with current information on Hendra virus - [http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/27\\_2900\\_ENA\\_HTML.htm](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/27_2900_ENA_HTML.htm)

### Hendra forums

A series of forums on Hendra virus have been convened and will be held across the state over the coming weeks. Details of the forums are located at the following link on the website. [http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/4790\\_15532\\_ENA\\_HTML.htm](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/4790_15532_ENA_HTML.htm)

This is the final communiqué on Hendra virus at this point in time.

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