

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Lead department	Department of Primary Industries
Name of the proposal	Biosecurity (Tomato/Potato Psyllid Carrier) Amendment Regulation 2026
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Biosecurity Regulation 2016
Date of issue	16 March 2026

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	<p>Tomato/potato psyllid (TPP) is a small sap-sucking insect that poses a risk to Queensland’s agricultural industries, particularly host plant species from the Solanaceae and Convolvulaceae families (including tomatoes, potatoes, sweet potatoes, capsicums and chillies).</p> <p>Following its detection in Western Australia in 2017, Australian jurisdictions applied emergency phytosanitary measures to most plants and plant products. This broad approach meant that restrictions were placed on a wide range of plant species and products, including many that have since been confirmed as non-hosts of TPP.</p> <p>In 2019, the Commonwealth Government’s Plant Health Committee (PHC) established an expert panel to review the original list of host plant associations subject to the emergency phytosanitary measures. The expert panel’s final report was provided to the PHC and its then Subcommittee on Domestic Quarantine and Market Access (SDQMA).</p> <p>The report recommended entry conditions be removed for low-risk host carriers and non-host carriers of TPP along non-host pathways where there is national agreement the appropriate level of protection has been achieved, and the risk minimisation measures are deemed unnecessary. The PHC tasked the SDQMA to develop a framework for the alignment of movement controls. The framework was completed in 2023 by the Subcommittee on Market Access Risk and Trade (SMART), which was established in late 2022 to replace the SDQMA.</p> <p>In 2023 and through their membership on the PHC, all Australian jurisdictions endorsed the framework developed by SMART which was to reduce restrictions for low-risk host and non-host carriers and align movement conditions for TPP carriers with the greatest risk for TPP spread. Queensland is the last jurisdiction to adopt these nationally agreed measures, which has created impediments to trade for the Queensland market.</p>

	<p>The <i>Biosecurity (Tomato/Potato Psyllid Carrier) Amendment Regulation 2026</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aligns Queensland’s biosecurity regulations with nationally agreed standards;• minimises trade impediments for low-risk host and non-host carriers while maintaining adequate biosecurity protections; and• supports Queensland’s agricultural industries by ensuring continued market access and compliance with national standards. <p>The proposal, to reduce or remove statewide entry conditions for tomato/potato psyllid low-risk host carriers and non-host carriers where risk minimisation measures are no longer necessary, is deregulatory (removes regulation), does not increase costs and reduces the regulatory burden on business or the community. This proposal is not subject to regulatory impact analysis under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy.</p>
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Date: 16/03/2026



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