



Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

ORDER DECLARING CONTROL AREA TO PREVENT, CONTROL AND ERADICATE VARROOSIS IN HONEY BEES

I, Jaelyn Symes, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for the administration of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** (the Act), make the following Order under section 29 of that Act.

1 Objectives

The objectives of this Order are –

- (a) to declare the State of Victoria to be a control area to prevent, control or eradicate the exotic disease, varroosis in honey bees;
- (b) to specify the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements which are to operate in the control area.

2 Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 29 of the Act.

3 Duration of Order

The Order comes into operation upon publication in the Government Gazette and has effect for 12 months.

4 Definition

In this Order –

bee vector means–

- (a) a black dwarf honey bee, *Apis andreniformis*; and
- (b) a red dwarf honey bee, *Apis florea*; and
- (c) a giant Philippine honey bee, *Apis breviligula*; and
- (d) an Asian honey bee, *Apis cerana*; and
- (e) a giant honey bee, *Apis dorsata*; and
- (f) a Cape honey bee, *Apis mellifera capensis*; and
- (g) an African honey bee, *Apis mellifera scutellata*; and
- (h) a bumblebee, *Bombus spp.*; and
- (i) a hornet, *Versa spp.*

swarm collection means the collection, by a person, of bees that have left a bee colony and formed a new colony and the placement of those bees into a hive –

- (a) to be retained by that person or another person; or
- (b) to be sold to another person.

5 Control area

The whole of Victoria is declared to be a control area in relation to the exotic disease, varroosis.

6 The class of livestock affected by this declaration

The class of livestock affected by this declaration is the honey bee.

7 Prohibitions, restrictions and requirements in the control area

- (1) Within the whole of Victoria, if a person knows or has reason to suspect that a bee vector is present in bees, bee products or hives –
 - (a) owned by that person or in the possession, control or charge of that person; or

- (b) on land owned or occupied by that person –
the person must notify an inspector of –
- (i) the property identification code identifying the property at which the bees are kept (if known); and
 - (ii) the bee vector suspected to be present; and
 - (iii) the date of the suspicion of the presence of the bee vector; and
 - (vi) the number of dead bees; and
 - (viii) whether or not an apiarist has been consulted for the purposes of determining if the bees, bee product or hive are infected with any disease; and
 - (ix) anyone who has been consulted in accordance with paragraph (viii), and the name and contact details of that person; and
 - (x) the address or description of the location at which the bees, bee product or hives were observed; and
 - (xii) whether or not any specimens have been submitted to a laboratory for the purpose of determining if the bees, bee product or hive is infected with any bee vector; and
 - (xiii) the name and address of the laboratory to which any specimen has been sent; and
 - (xiv) the name and address of the owner of the affected bees, bee product or hive (if known); and
 - (xv) the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the notice; and
 - (xvi) the date of the notice.
- (2) In addition to complying with clause (1), if a person knows or suspects that swarm collection, destruction or removal is being conducted on bees or a hive in the following parts of the control area and a two-kilometre zone around each part –
- (a) the Port of Melbourne, as depicted by yellow hatching in the attached map (Appendix 1 – Port of Melbourne); and
 - (b) the Port of Hastings, as depicted by yellow hatching in the attached map (Appendix 2 – Port of Hastings); and
 - (c) the Port of Geelong, as depicted by yellow hatching in the attached map (Appendix 3 – Port of Geelong); and
 - (d) the Port of Portland, as depicted by yellow hatching in the attached map (Appendix 4 – Port of Portland); and
 - (e) Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine), as depicted by yellow hatching in the attached map (Appendix 5 – Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine)),
- and that person –
- (a) owns or is in possession or is in charge of the bees or hive; or
 - (b) is undertaking the collection, destruction or removal of the bees or hive,
- that person must contact Agriculture Victoria by means of an email to email address honeybee.biosecurity@ecodev.vic.gov.au, and notify it of –
- (i) the name, address, and telephone number of the owner, the possessor or person in charge of the bees or hive; and
 - (ii) the location and date that the bees or hive were collected, destroyed or removed; and


- (iii) the name, address and telephone number of the person who collected, destroyed or removed the bees or hive; and
- (iv) the notice of disposal of hives completed in accordance with Schedule 8 of the Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 if the bees or hive are provided to another person.

Dated 31 May 2019

JACLYN SYMES MP
Minister for Agriculture

Appendix 1 - Port of Melbourne



 Area in which prohibitions, restrictions and requirements specified in clause 7 of this Order apply

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Aerial photography captured January 2018
at resolution of 10cm x 10cm pixels




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Appendix 2 - Port of Hastings



 Area in which prohibitions, restrictions and requirements specified in clause 7 of this Order apply

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Appendix 3 - Port of Geelong



 Area in which prohibitions, restrictions and requirements specified in clause 7 of this Order apply

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Appendix 4 - Port of Portland



 Area in which prohibitions, restrictions and requirements specified in clause 7 of this Order apply

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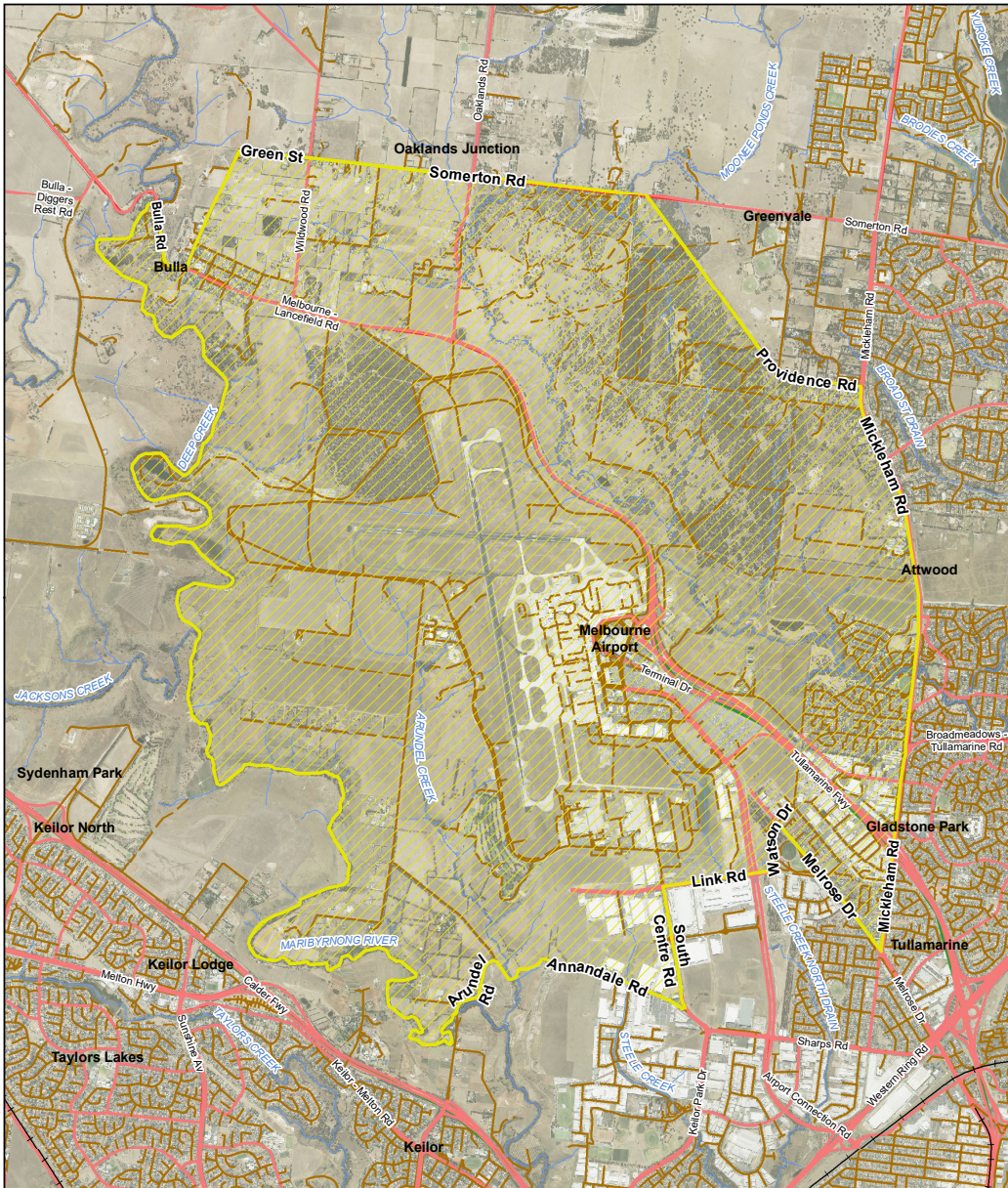
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Appendix 5 - Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine)



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