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BTV ZONE MAP CHANGE PROPOSAL

Purpose

1. To **NOTIFY** the NAMP Technical Panel that bluetongue virus transmission is confirmed in an unexpected location.
2. To seek **ENDORSEMENT** from the NAMP Technical Panel for a proposed change to the bluetongue virus zone map.
3. To seek **ENDORSEMENT** from the NAMP Technical Panel for the proposed text to be used in the email alert notification.

- To seek ENDORSEMENT for EXPANSION of the Bluetongue Virus-Free Zone in the South Coast region of NSW and corresponding text for the email alert notification (see below).

Description (to be accompanied by the proposed amended zone map(s) as Attachment(s))

- There has been no BTV transmission south of Camden for the last 2 years and we propose that the free zone extends back to within 100 km to the south of the sentinel herd at Camden.

Testing Results

- The most southerly coastal detection of BTV in the last 2 years has been at Camden (N078). No activity has been detected at N283 (sampled monthly) or sites further south.

Protocols (as per the Operational Plan)

Please check the box that applies and provide an explanation below for incomplete protocol steps.

Sample	Yes	No	
Test results confirmed	X	☐	
Sample identification confirmed	X	☐	
Additional livestock testing	NA	☐	
Animal status confirmed	X	☐	
Notification	Email	Phone	No
State/Territory CVO	X	☐	☐
Biosecurity Australia	☐	☐	X
Livestock Exporters Association	☐	☐	X
AHA NAMP Manager	☐	☐	X

Details

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Issues for Discussion (if applicable)

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Email alert notification - Proposed text

Dear NAMP Bluetongue Zoning Map user,

This is an automated message to notify you that the Australian bluetongue zoning map has been updated.

Please go to

http://namp.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/public.php?page=namp_public&program=2 to view or download the current version of the map.

Following the absence of transmission of bluetongue virus in the South Coast region of the NSW for the past two years, there has been an increase in the number of properties included in the bluetongue-free zone.

Although bluetongue viruses are present in northern and eastern Australia, clinical disease has never been reported in commercial sheep, cattle or any other susceptible animal species in Australia. Bluetongue surveillance and zoning is conducted under the National Arbovirus Monitoring Program (NAMP), managed by Animal Health Australia. Further information about NAMP and bluetongue virus zoning in Australia can be found at:

<http://namp.animalhealthaustralia.com.au>.

Recommendations (responses to be made on out-of-session paper provided)

That the NAMP Technical Panel:

1. **ENDORSES** the proposed change to the bluetongue virus zone map as shown in Attachment A and available on NAMP *Info*.
2. **ENDORSES** the proposed text to be used in the email alert notification.

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Attachment A – BTV Zone retraction South Coast of NSW 4/8/2022



