

NAMP TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

FOR DECISION

Date: 5 Aug 2021

BTV ZONE MAP CHANGE PROPOSAL

Purpose

1. To **NOTIFY** the NAMP Technical Committee that bluetongue virus transmission is confirmed in an unexpected location.
 2. To seek **ENDORSEMENT** from the NAMP Technical Committee for a proposed change to the bluetongue virus zone map.
 3. To seek **ENDORSEMENT** from the NAMP Technical Committee for the proposed text to be used in the email alert notification.
- To seek ENDORSEMENT for CONTRACTION of the BTV Transmission Zone in the North-West Slopes 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))

- BTV seroconversions have not been detected in the Pilliga herd (N199) in the last two years.
- See attached map for proposed zone change (Figure 1)
- Contraction of the zone in this region is critical to allow trade to overseas markets to recommence.

Testing Results

- Site N199 is sampled quarterly from October to June/July. During 2019-20 13-14 animals were sampled and in 2020-21 there were 15 animals in the sentinel herd. No BTV seroconversions were detected over this time period. Simbu virus group seroconversions have also NOT been detected during this period.
- Additionally, BTV seroconversions have NOT been detected in the NAMP herds to the north of N199 (west of Moree).

Protocols (as per the Operations 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	☐	X
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 BTV Zone Map user,

This is an automated message to notify you that the Australian bluetongue virus transmission zone has been updated. Please go to the zone map website to view or download a current version of the map.

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

Bluetongue virus transmission surveillance and zoning is conducted under the National Arbovirus Monitoring Program (NAMP), managed by Animal Health Australia. Further information about NAMP can be found on the program [webpage](#) at Animal Health Australia.

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

That the NAMP Technical Committee:

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

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