

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of a Surveillance Program for Electric Ants

### *Biosecurity Act 2014*

#### Department of Primary Industries

### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the program is to:

- a) monitor compliance with *the Biosecurity Act 2014* and *Biosecurity Regulation 2016* to minimise the risk of spread of electric ants; and
- b) check for the presence or absence of electric ants in Far North Queensland local government areas including Cairns Regional Council, Mareeba Shire Council, Tablelands Regional Council, Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Douglas Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

#### **Scope**

The program applies to category 1 restricted matter that is electric ant (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) (declared under Schedule 2 of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*) within six Local Government areas within far north Queensland.

Authorised officers may enter land to take action to survey for and destroy the invasive biosecurity matter to which the program relates.

### **START DATE AND DURATION OF THE PROGRAM**

The program will begin on 21 April 2025, and will continue until the nationally agreed response plan for the eradication of electric ant expires or there are no National Electric Ant Eradication Programs operating in Queensland.

### **AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF A COPY OF THE PROGRAM AUTHORISED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

A copy of the program (including its Authorisation Document) is available for inspection at the Department of Primary Industries' head office at 275 George Street Brisbane and regional offices. A copy of the program is also available to view and print at no cost on the Department of Primary Industries' website at [www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au). A copy of the Program Authorisation will be provided on request by contacting the Department of Primary Industries' Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.