



Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

*Biosecurity Act 2014*  
Pursuant to chapter 6, part 4 *Biosecurity Act 2014*

## **Biosecurity instrument permit**

BIP-RIFA -23G003

In pursuance of the authority conferred upon the Chief Executive for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries by the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, permission is granted to the Permit Holder to perform an activity or not perform an activity other than in compliance with the biosecurity instrument (biosecurity zone regulatory provisions) (described by reference to the relevant sections of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*) for the purpose and subject to the conditions (if any) set out below:

### **Permit Holder**

Persons transporting fire ant carriers from Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) suburbs located within fire ant biosecurity zone 2, to the Bunya and Dakabin waste management facilities.

### **Term**

This Permit has effect from 20 September 2023 and expires (unless earlier cancelled) on 23 September 2024.

### **Permit Holder location(s)**

All locations within the MBRC area located in fire ant biosecurity zone 2.

### **Purpose**

Permit purpose - to allow the movement of a fire ant carrier that is free of live fire ants, to be transported directly from a place within a MBRC suburb within fire ant biosecurity zone 2 to Bunya waste management facility or Dakabin waste management facility.

### **Stated biosecurity matter or carrier**

Fire ant carriers include

- Soil (clean or contaminated)
- animal manure
- material that is a product or by-product of mining or quarrying (e.g. chitters, coal fines, coal stone, decomposed granite, gravel, overburden)
- material that is a product or by-product of the processing of a plant, or something that comes from a plant (e.g. mulch, sawdust, green waste, compost, turf)
- hay.

### **Source location (provide all details that apply)**

Any place within the MBRC area in fire ant biosecurity zone 2.

**Destination location (provide all details that apply):**

- Dakabin waste management facility – 336 Old Gympie Road, Dakabin 4503  
or
- Bunya waste management facility – 384 Bunya Road, Bunya 4055

**Conditions**

1. Permit Holders are not permitted to move a live fire ant report any suspect ants to Biosecurity Queensland, as soon as practicable, but not more than 24 hours after becoming aware of their presence by calling 13 25 23.
2. Prior to movement of a fire ant carrier, a search for fire ants in the material to be moved must be conducted by the Permit Holder and any suspect ants must not be moved (refer to condition 1).
3. The Permit Holder must move the fire ant carrier directly from the original place in a MBRC suburb in fire ant biosecurity zone 2 to either Bunya waste management facility or Dakabin waste management facility.
4. The Permit Holder must ensure all machinery and equipment used for moving or processing the fire ant carrier must be free of the transported fire ant carrier before it leaves the waste facility.
5. The Permit Holder and persons involved with moving the fire ant carrier material, prior to the movement, must have read and understood this permit to ensure all aspects of this permit are being followed.
6. This permit is not transferable.
7. This permit does not remove, override, or negate other associated legislative obligations.
8. Biosecurity Queensland inspectors may at any time conduct compliance checks to verify that the conditions of this permit are being complied with.
9. This permit may be cancelled at any time in accordance with section 132(8) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

**Offence warning**

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit and who does not comply with the conditions of this biosecurity instrument permit, without reasonable excuse, commits an offence under section 133 (1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 2000 penalty units or one year's imprisonment.

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit and while acting, or purportedly acting, under the authority of the biosecurity instrument permit, without reasonable excuse, commits an offence under section 133 (2) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* if they do not carry the permit with the person. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 100 penalty units.

A person who holds a biosecurity instrument permit must, if asked to do so by an authorised officer, and unless the person has a reasonable excuse, produce the permit to the authorised officer for the authorised officer's inspection—

- (a) if the person is at the time of the request acting, or purportedly acting, under the authority of the permit—immediately; or
- (b) otherwise—within the shortest practicable time after the request is made.

A person who does not comply with this commits an offence under section 133 (3) of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. The maximum penalty for an offence under this section is 100 penalty units.

**Inspector's authorisation**

**Biosecurity Queensland Inspector  
National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program**

20 September 2023