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Mr Roger Beale
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Dear Mr Beale

Please find attached Queensland's submission to the Quarantine and Biosecurity Review Panel on the Issues Paper. This submission has been prepared by my Department on behalf of the Queensland Government.

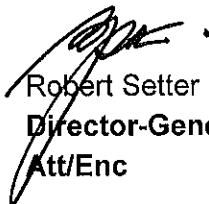
The Queensland Government welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of Australia's current biosecurity and quarantine arrangements. The Issues Paper provided a comprehensive and useful framework for consideration of key issues surrounding this important topic.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of a rigorous quarantine and biosecurity regime for sustaining Australia's prosperity and maintaining our unique environment and lifestyle. To this end, I see enormous value in the Review as a way forward in improving current arrangements.

I look forward to reading the outcomes of the Review and to working with all jurisdictions and stakeholders in the development of an improved, coordinated and appropriately resourced national quarantine and biosecurity service.

If you require any further information regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kareena Arthy, Managing Director of Biosecurity Queensland, on telephone 07 3239 3855 or email kareena.arthy@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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