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Quarantine & Prosecution Review

Quarantine ACT

Major Quarantine Inquiry

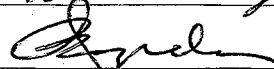
In reference to this inquiry I have been observing with some concern how various committees in recent years have not adopted views that adequately protect local agricultural products from imported goods that are known to have disease problems.

By way of example I mention two recent catastrophic cases of faulty quarantine actions

- (i) Citrus canker problem with imported plants in Queensland
- (ii) Equine influenza infection in imported horses in QLD + NSW.

I submit that whilst it seems reasonable to accept a low risk approach with tourist action it is not appropriate for importations of plants and animals to be treated similarly and therefore a zero quarantine risk should be adopted with these goods.

yours sincerely



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