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FINAL REPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF LISTRONOTUS APPENDICULATUS FOR THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF SAGITTARIA PLATYPHYLLA AND SAGITTARIA CALYCINA

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the <u>final risk analysis report</u> for the release of the weevil, *Listronotus appendiculatus* for the biological control of the aquatic weeds, *Sagittaria platyphylla* and *Sagittaria calycina*.

The final report recommends that the biological control agent should be released, subject to standard import and release conditions associated with exotic biological control agents.

The final report takes into account comments received from stakeholders on the draft report released on 28 April 2020.

The final report recommends that the biological control agent *Listronotus appendiculatus* should be released to control the weeds *Sagittaria platyphylla* and *Sagittaria calycina*. The risk is estimated to be Negligible, which achieves Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

The applicant, the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR), provided a submission in support of their application to release the biological control agent. The submission detailed the results of host-specificity testing, together with other relevant information. This submission is included as an attachment to the final report.

A preliminary draft of this report was distributed to state and territory government departments for consultation. The state and territory governments support the release of *Listronotus appendiculatus* to control the weeds, *Sagittaria platyphylla* and *Sagittaria calycina*.

The department announced the release of the draft report for public consultation on 28 April 2020. One comment was received on the draft report.

The final report and more information about this risk analysis are available on the <u>department's website</u>.

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