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FINAL RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF HYDROTIMETES NATANS FOR THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF CABOMBA CAROLINIANA

This Biosecurity Advice notifies stakeholders of the release of the [final risk analysis report](#) for the release of the cabomba weevil, *Hydrotimetes natans* for the biological control of the aquatic weed, cabomba (*Cabomba caroliniana*).

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 12 November 2020.

The final report recommends that the biological control agent, *Hydrotimetes natans*, should be released to control the aquatic weed, cabomba (*Cabomba caroliniana*). The risk is estimated to be Negligible, which achieves Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

The applicant, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), 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 *Hydrotimetes natans* to control the aquatic weed, cabomba.

The department announced the release of the draft report for public consultation on 12 November 2020. One submission was received during the consultation period and this submission supported the outcomes of the draft report.

The final report and more information about this risk analysis are available on the [department's website](#).

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