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Dear Mr Aldred

Tom *Handwritten note: 'Handwritten note: "Aldred for Tom" with an arrow pointing to "Marasmus 1/4" below it.'*

I refer to the release of the draft 'Review of policy: Import risk analysis report for fresh salacca (snake fruit) from Indonesia into Australia by the Department of Agriculture in February 2014.

The draft report identified four pests of potential quarantine concern to Australia associated with the trade of fresh salacca fruit from Indonesia. They are the fungus (*Marasmius palmivorus*) and three mealybugs (*Dysmicoccus* sp., *Planococcus* sp., *Pseudococcus* sp.).

Whilst NSW is satisfied with the risk mitigation measures, it is suggested that further work is carried out to identify the mealybugs to species level.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft review of policy.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT HANSEN
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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