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2 November 2023

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Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* which was received by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) on 9 October 2023, seeking access to the following:

"When was the Pine Scale first detected at the Awoonga Rd site. Hope Valley. Is it possible to view the report please of when the Pine Scale was first detected plus any treatment plans or maintenance carried out from the first detection"

Timeframe: 7/01/2010 to 7/10/2023

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located three documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

Determination 1

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in full**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
2	Email thread between PIRSA and City of Tea Tree Gully dated 6/6/2023 to 13/7/2023 re Giant Pine Scale found at Elliston Reserve	5
2a	Attachments to Document 1 – Photographs of Callitris pine trees	5

The information removed from Document 2 is outside of the scope of your request.

Please note that PIRSA was advised of the detection on 11 July 2023, as per the email contained in Document 2.

Determination 2

I have determined that access to the following document is **refused**:

Doc No.	Description of document	No. of Pages
1	Draft Marchalina hellenica (Giant Pine Scale) Incident Response Plan dated 25/7/2023	5

Access to the above document is refused pursuant to Clause 9(1) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

“9—Internal working documents

(1) A document is an exempt document if it contains matter—

(a) that relates to -

(i) any opinion, advice or recommendation that has been obtained, prepared or recorded; or

(ii) any consultation or deliberation that has taken place, in the course of, or for the purpose of, the decision-making functions of the Government, a Minister or an agency; and

(b) the disclosure of which would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.”

The document consists of advice being prepared for consideration by the Giant Pine Scale Working Group. The advice, in the format of an incident response plan, is a draft version and is still being updated.

In addressing the public interest test for the exemption, I have balanced the following factors:

In favour of the public interest:

- Meeting the objects of the Act favouring access to documents.
- Ensuring optimal use of public resources.
- High level of interest in the accountability of public office holders.
- The importance of transparency and openness and the interest that the public has in the decision-making processes of Government.

Contrary to the public interest:

- The recent age of the information was considered.
- The continuing relevance of matters still under consideration.
- The need to preserve confidentiality with regard to the subject matter until a final decision has been made.
- The amount of information that is not already publicly available.
- Protection of the deliberative processes of Government.
- Maintaining the efficient conduct of Government.

- Disclosing this information may compromise the manner in which information is gathered in the future for the decision-making processes of Government to the detriment of the betterment for South Australia.

Having considered the various factors weighing for and against disclosure, I have determined that disclosure of this document would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you are entitled to exercise your right of review and appeal as outlined in the attached documentation [Making a Freedom of Information Application | State Records of South Australia \(archives.sa.gov.au\)](#), by completing the "FOI Application Form for Internal Review of a Determination" and returning the completed form to:

Freedom of Information Principal Officer
Department of Primary Industries and Regions
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or via email PIRSA.FOI@sa.gov.au

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published in PIRSA's disclosure log. A copy of PC045 can be found at http://dpc.sa.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Log-Policy.pdf

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing within fourteen calendar days from the date of this determination.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Lisa Farley, Senior Freedom of Information Advisor on 8429 0422 or email PIRSA.FOI@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Griffiths
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Farley, Lisa (PIRSA)

From: Mann, Brad <brad.mann@cttg.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 13 July 2023 3:35 PM
To: McMurren, Amy (PIRSA); Robinson, Rob (PIRSA); D'Aloia, Gabby; Birch, Felicity; Peter Merry; marcus.hannath; David Smith; Loveder, David; Hubbard, David (PIRSA); Dianne Patzel; Paco Tovar; Klaer, Catherine (PIRSA); Fraser, David (DEW); Rich, Dearnne (DEW)
Subject: RE: Giant Pine Scale found at Elliston Reserve, across from Hope Valley Reserve
Attachments: 20230713_115110.jpg; 20230713_115008.jpg; 20230713_115133.jpg; 20230713_115048.jpg; 20230713_115140.jpg

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Hi Everyone again, we have done the sweep through Elliston reserve today and found a total of 28 trees infected, There is 188 pines within the reserve and we found evidence on the ground around another 2 trees but are unable to see any on the tree itself, so we would think it may be in the upper canopy.

The other thing we have noticed is the bees are feeding off the GPS and they also could be a host for moving the insect. We have sprayed the site and it will now be fenced off tomorrow as it's quite a large area that needs to be bunted off.

We will be using barrier mesh as temp fencing would be at a considerable cost. Is there any signage from either PIRSA or Biosecurity that explains why this area is closed off that could be placed on the site to deter people entering the site?

The biggest issue is there was quite a bit of material from the GPS that was on the footpath and on the road. With approx. 25 cars passing per minute this has spread the material up to Lower North East Road. We have sprayed all of the grounded material from the GPS.

We then decided to have a look in our biodiversity reserve 600m up the road at Turramurra. We found numerous Callitris pines also infested with what we believe to be GPS. See attached photos.

Regards
 Brad

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Subject: RE: Giant Pine Scale found at Elliston Reserve, across from Hope Valley Reserve

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Thanks Brad.

It's good to hear that CTTG is getting on top of it.

Cheers, Amy

From: Mann, Brad <brad.mann@cttg.sa.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 13 July 2023 10:05 AM

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Subject: RE: Giant Pine Scale found at Elliston Reserve, across from Hope Valley Reserve

Morning everyone, we will be fencing off the infested area today to prevent public from the area. We will also do a sweep through the section of the reserve around the bike track to ensure no further trees are affected. We will be spraying the ground and foot path where the GPS is currently with an insecticide Bifentherin which binds to the soil and doesn't move. We also have the decontamination process and material from the Balmoral infestation.

Regards
Brad

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 July 2023 4:19 PM

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Hi Brad,

Thanks for sending through further photos of the trees and confirming the presence of GPS on multiple trees at Elliston Reserve. As discussed on the phone, PIRSA's Biosecurity team have advised:

- to restrict access to the infested areas at Ellison Reserve
- try to deter birds in the area as they can spread GPS
- it is not practical or effective to spray the trees with insecticide

- keeping in mind the nearby waterways and houses, certain insecticides may be useful in controlling the insects on the footpaths
- PIRSA are looking into raising awareness on GPS via media/ comms
- PIRSA surveillance staff may be able to survey the area next week

I'll keep in touch and provide further information when I can.

Cheers, Amy

From: Mann, Brad <brad.mann@cttg.sa.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 11 July 2023 12:39 PM

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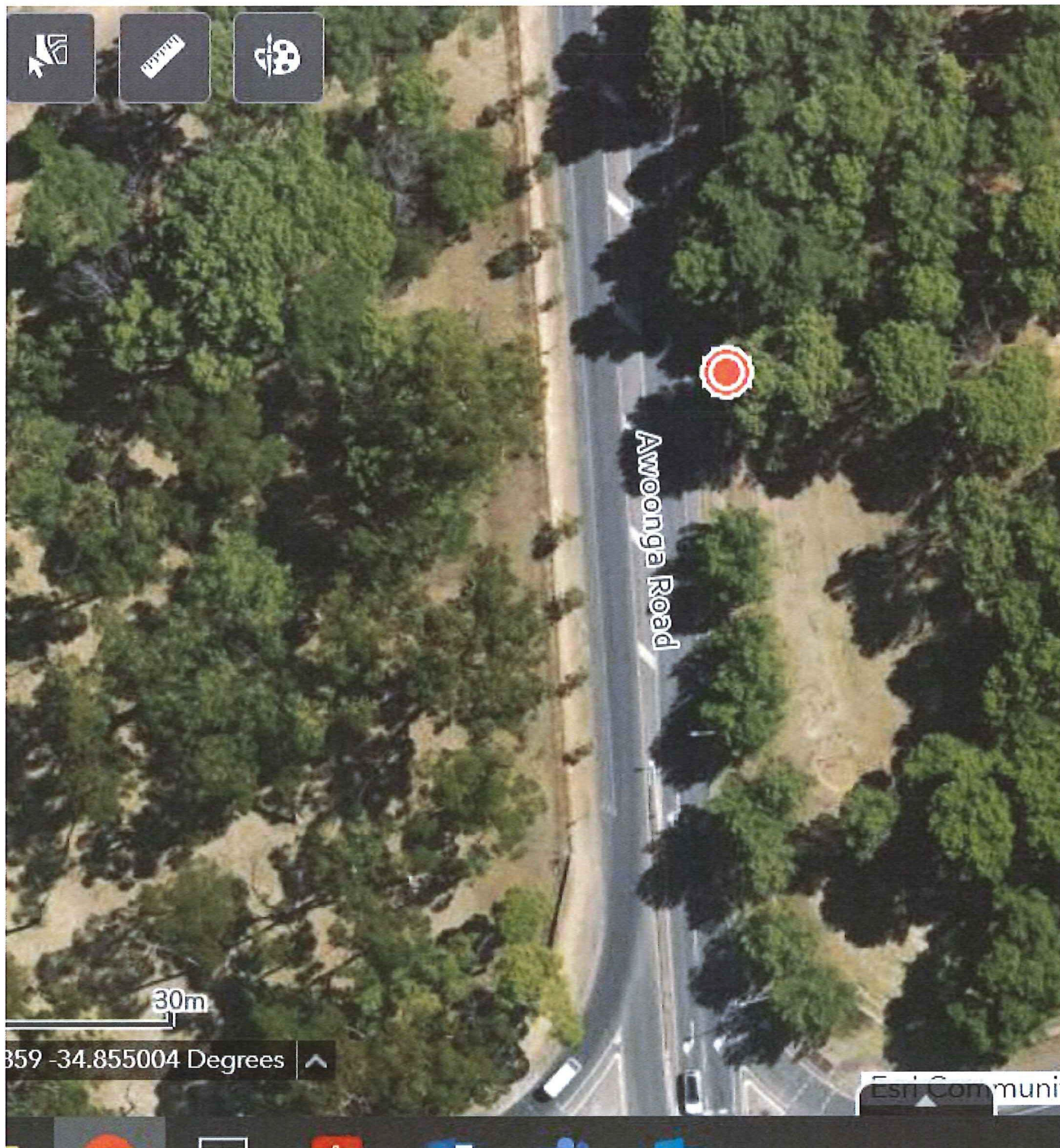
Subject: RE: Actions and notes from the Giant Pine Scale Working Group - Meeting 1

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Afternoon everyone, This morning I took one of my colleagues out to show them what GPS looks like and across the road from SA Water land is a section of land owned by The Minister for Sustainability Environment & Conservation. I believe that there is an infected tree within this parcel of land. Please see map. The other point with this site if over the year a BMX track has been built by members of the public and is being extensively used during weekends and school holidays. If David or his team could confirm this. I'm happy to meet on site to show the exact tree.

Regards

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