

Stop the spread

Protect Australian agriculture from varroa mites and report feral bees

Varroa mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*) have been detected on feral Asian honey bees (*Apis cerana*) in Townsville.

The mites have the potential to significantly damage our bee industry, disrupting both honey production and pollination services.

Biosecurity Queensland is conducting surveillance and control activities to detect and destroy Asian honey bees and eradicate varroa mites.

Asian honey bee nests can be found in tree hollows, in cavities in buildings and in letterboxes and garden sheds. Asian honey bees are smaller and less furry than the European honey bee and have more pronounced brown and yellow stripes.

Please report sightings of suspected Asian honey bees, feral nests or hives showing symptoms of exotic pests to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

To stop the spread of varroa mites, a Prevention and Control Program is now in place for the Townsville City Council local government area.

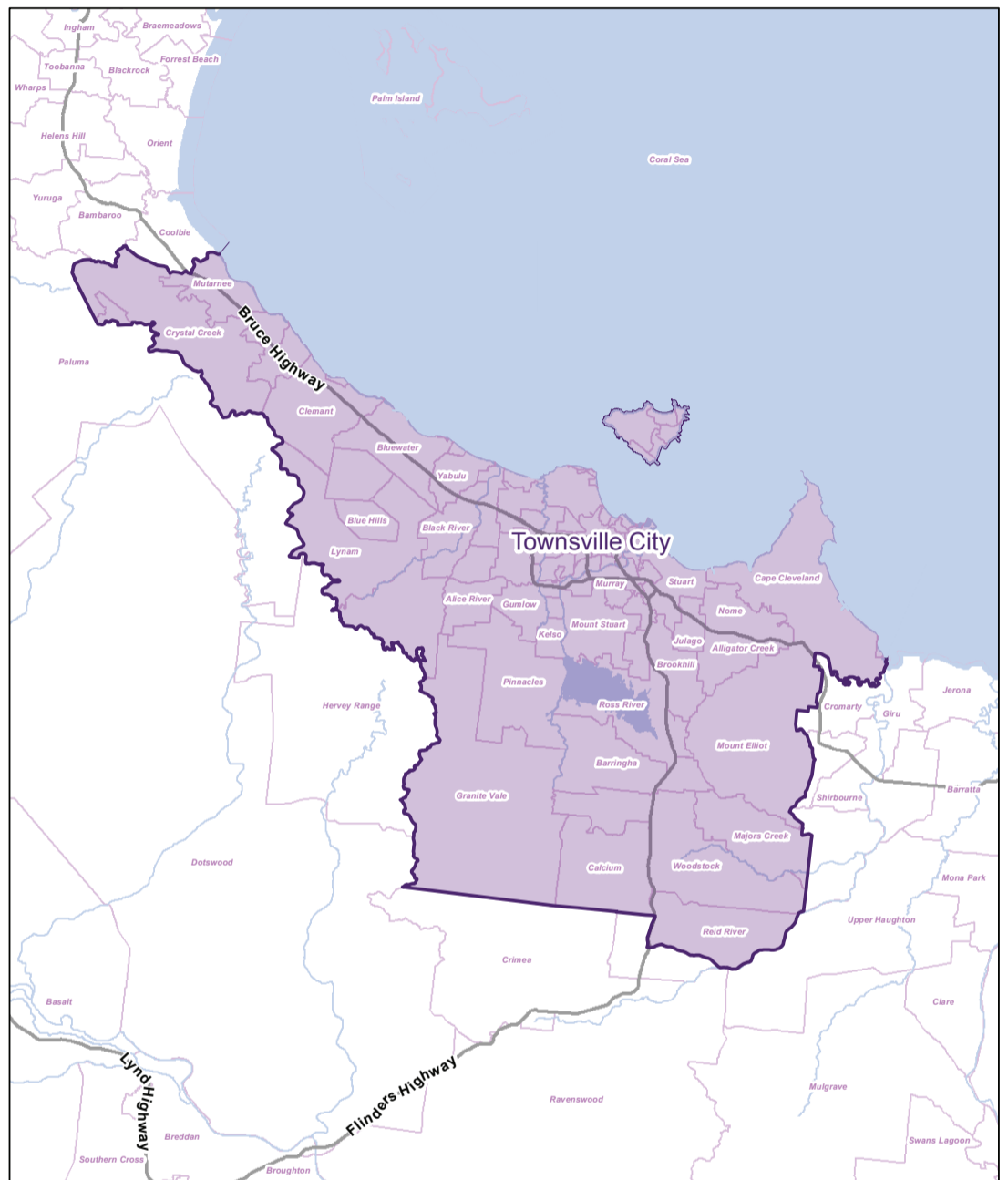
The Prevention and Control Program imposes obligations on an occupier of a place where managed hives are kept. Anyone wanting to move live bees, bee hives, or any other item that may contain live bees out of the Townsville City Council area will need to notify Biosecurity Queensland by email at varroa@daf.qld.gov.au at least seven (7) days prior to the intended movement.

Anyone moving live bees through the Townsville City Council area, that have originated outside the area, must ensure the bees are packaged and sealed in a manner that prevents the escape of live bees while they transit through the area.



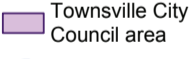
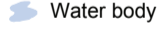
A copy of the Prevention and Control Program for varroa mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*) under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* is available at www.daf.qld.gov.au. Interested parties can also contact the National Varroa Mite Eradication Program to request a copy of the program at varroa@daf.qld.gov.au.


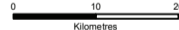
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Varroa Mite Area of Interest

 Highway
 Suburbs
 Townsville City Council area
 Water body

 Queensland Government

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