



Feral Horse *Equus caballus*

Critical priority in the Townsville LGA.

TOWNSVILLE DISTRIBUTION

Widespread in Bluewater Park, Alligator Creek through to Mt Elliot, and Black River through to Hervey Range.

MANAGEMENT: PURPOSE

Manage the risk to human life from large animals within road corridors.

TCC FOCUS: MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

- Continue to be an active member of the multi-agency LARSG. This group consists of TMR, DES (National Parks), QPS, DNRME.
- Assist residents with feral horse control in complex situations where TCC understands the landowner needs additional capacity to undertake control safely and humanely, and/or disposal of carcass.
- Control actions are prioritised on a road user safety risk basis.
- Undertake humane euthanasia of feral horses on TCC land.
- Enable residents in feral horse control by offering the PMSS to residents with land 2ha and greater.
- Maintain communication and a working relationship with key landholders in strategic feral horse control sites.

TCC FOCUS: MONITORING

- Continue monitoring customer reports.
- Motion camera monitoring to establish pattern and lack of ownership.

EXPECTATION: RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS & HOBBYISTS

- At minimum, maintain fence fronting a sealed road, and keep the gate shut if there is no grid.
- Keep domestic horses adequately contained.
- Humane control where safe to do so. TCC recognises not every property is suitable for undertaking control safely, however it can be if neighbours cooperate together.

EXPECTATION: INDUSTRY

- Consider how your actions, or lack of action, may impact on human safety.
- Develop a pest management plan to minimise associated impacts.
- Keep up to date with changes to biosecurity regulations.
- At minimum, maintain fence fronting a road, and keep the gate shut if there is no grid.
- Control feral horses as per your pest management plan.

DISCLAIMER: The contents of this information sheet have been prepared to assist in the understanding of the *Biosecurity Plan 2020-2024*. The information sheet is an outline only. For full details please refer to the *Biosecurity Plan 2020-2024*.

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