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Please note that due to the late stage of the submission process, I am not able to make an official submission from this agency, so this is perhaps more by way of an enquiry.

This matter has been raised with us by Brisbane City Council.

Biosecurity Queensland, a unit in the service of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, is responsible of the delivery of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program. The chief elements of the program are surveillance (looking for fire ants), treatment (destruction of fire ants) and containment (prevention of spread of fire ants). It is with regards to containment of fire ants that this 'submission' is made.

Under legislation (*Plant Protection Act, 1989*), certain high risk materials cannot be disturbed or moved without inspection/certification within a described area. High risk materials must be disposed of according to Biosecurity Queensland's direction.

I am concerned that levies on waste disposal will affect decision making of individuals and businesses moving fire ant high risk materials discouraging them from compliance with the legislation. To mitigate this risk, I suggest that movement of material under direction of a Biosecurity officer, with reference to the legislation, be exempt from levies.

Please let me know what further information I can provide on this issue or with whom I can discuss it.

Kind regards,

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