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BIOSECURITY ALERT - JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS DETECTED IN QUEENSLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA

Japanese encephalitis (JE) has recently been detected in Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales. There are currently no detections in Western Australia (WA).

JE is a reportable, zoonotic disease that can cause reproductive losses and encephalitis in pigs and encephalitis in horses and in rare cases, can cause disease in humans.

For more information about this disease, please visit the [DPIRD website](#), [Australian Veterinarian Association website](#) or the national [Outbreak website](#).

A WA industry update can be found [here](#)

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is undertaking surveillance activities and considering other preventative measures with the WA Department of Health and WA industry to reduce the risk of JE entering WA.

DPIRD is requesting veterinarians, pig and horse owners to be highly vigilant for signs of this disease, including unexplained pig abortions, mummifications or stillbirths or neurological signs in either species.

Clinical signs of the disease should be reported to your local [DPIRD Veterinary Officer](#) or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

For more information about JE and public health, please refer to the [Department of Health website](#).

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