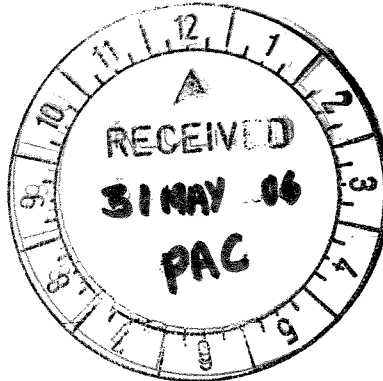




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Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Hay

Thank you for your correspondence (File ref.: PAC 280) seeking a submission from the Department of Lands in relation to the inquiry into managing plant and animal disease.

I am advised by the Department of Lands that they have had little direct involvement in the matters raised. The Department is approached, from time to time, to provide spatial information and maps which may be used to monitor the spread of disease, however many agencies have now developed their own spatial information systems to collate information about the spread of disease.

Through the Department's Emergency Information Co-ordination Unit and its Land and Property Information Division, the Department of Lands is able to assist with available land and spatial information if required.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Yours sincerely

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