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## New Pine Restriction Zones in Perth Suburbs

Perth, 10 September 2007 – New movement restrictions on pine products have been introduced in areas affected by European House Borer (EHB).

Affected items include pine timber, dead pine trees, logs, branches, stumps, firewood, unwanted pine wood, pine hobby wood, pine pallets, pine packaging, pine furniture and plantation timber.

The measures have been introduced to combat the spread of EHB, a quarantine pest of untreated, seasoned pine.

The movement restrictions will help minimise the potential human spread of EHB, assist with nationally-endorsed eradication plans and protect Australia from EHB's potentially devastating effects on housing and industry.

"The restrictions are essential to contain EHB, with a long-term aim of eradicating the pest. This will be a long process that has a better chance of succeeding if we have the public's full cooperation," said EHB Response Director John van Schagen.

Pine must not be moved out of Restricted Movement Zones (RMZs) unless it has been stored or treated in accordance with regulations or with approval from an authorised officer from the Department of Agriculture & Food. A list of RMZs is available online at [www.ehb.wa.gov.au](http://www.ehb.wa.gov.au).

Residents in affected areas who are intending to move house are advised that pine items, including furniture, must comply with regulations in order to be taken out of the area. Affected residents will receive a notification flyer via mail over the coming two weeks.

Affected areas include the shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda, the City of Swan, Oakford, Oldbury, Serpentine, Gosnells, Huntingdale, Southern River, Karnup, Bateman, Bull Creek, Leeming, Murdoch, North Lake, Winthrop, Roleystone, Bertram, Wellard, Ashby, Banksia Grove, Carramar, Jandabup, Neerabup and Nowergup. The pine plantations at Gnangara and Pinjar are also restricted zones.

EHB Response has inspected more than 59,000 Perth properties and 300,000 hectares of pine plantations for the pest. There are 120 infested sites, centred around two main clusters - Mundaring Hills and the Gnangara/Ellenbrook area, including nine pine plantations.

The majority of infested urban sites have been completely cleaned up, with all possible host material removed. Pine trees, which have the potential to harbour EHB, are now also being removed and thousands of tonnes of susceptible material have been destroyed.

Fines of up to \$2,000 apply for moving pine in breach of the regulations. This is outlined in the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection (European House Borer) Regulations, gazetted by the State Government in 2006. More information about EHB is available online at [www.ehb.wa.gov.au](http://www.ehb.wa.gov.au) or by calling the Freecall Hotline at 1800 084 881.

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Photo caption: *Untreated pine products are now subject to movement controls.*