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Proposed legislation changes for businesses transporting pinewood interstate

Proposed new interstate legislation for the transport of pinewood have been drafted to minimise the risk of European House Borer (EHB) spread from Western Australia to other states and territories.

The proposed legislation will be sent to businesses involved in the transportation of pine for feedback before implementation in early 2012.

The EHB Response Program is currently in a transition from eradication to a management program, changing its focus to the implementation of an interstate regulatory system. As part of this, new legislation will be introduced by other states and territories placing restrictions on the movement of pinewood (including pine, timber, pallets, packaging, dunnage and furniture etc) out of Western Australia.

There will be a consultation period until 30 September for businesses to provide feedback on the proposed legislation.

“Because pinewood is widely used in interstate trade and transport, it is important individual businesses have the opportunity to provide feedback on how this will impact on their business,” EHB Response Director John van Schagen said.

EHB infestations are currently restricted to parts of the Perth metropolitan area, as well as one infestation found in Albany, where infested timber had been transported from the Perth Hills area.

The EHB Response Program made significant progress over the past seven years in preventing spread outside of Perth, and in reducing EHB populations within infested areas.

To view the proposed legislation and down load the feedback form, visit the EHB website at www.ehb.wa.gov.au

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