

# **National Phylloxera Management Protocol:**

Definitions of Phylloxera  
Management Zones

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## **Phylloxera management zones: definitions and descriptions**

### **Phylloxera Infested Zone (PIZ)**

A PIZ contains vineyards known to be infested with phylloxera or to have been infested with phylloxera. Its boundary must be a minimum of 5 km from any infested vineyard.

The boundary of the PIZ may be defined by local government boundaries or other landmarks, provided they are no closer than 5km from the edges of any infested vineyards. The boundaries of the PIZ will be determined initially by the relevant State Chief Plant Health Regulatory Officer for the purposes of state quarantine activity, but need to be endorsed by the NVHSC to be recognised as a PIZ under the National Phylloxera Management Protocol.

A state body may seek an upgrade in status for a PIZ based on evidence that phylloxera infestation is no longer present. Application is made to the NVHSC in accordance with the criteria specified in the *National Phylloxera Management Protocol: procedures for maintenance and upgrading of phylloxera zone status*.

All currently defined and recognised Phylloxera Infested Zones are listed on the next page.

### **Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ)**

A PEZ is an area that has been established by historical information and/or a survey program as not being infested by phylloxera, AND is governed by appropriate regulations to control the movement of grapevine material, specified grape products<sup>1</sup> and vineyard equipment into the area.

Application for PEZ status is made to the NVHSC and assessed in accordance with the requirements of the National Protocol.

Achievement and maintenance of PEZ status requires:

- 1) maintenance and enforcement of legislative/regulatory controls on the movement of risk vectors that comply with the requirements of the National Protocol
- 2) demonstration of ongoing area freedom through aerial and/or ground surveys in accordance with the regime specified in the *National Phylloxera Management establishment and maintenance of pest free area status for grapevine phylloxera*.

The NVHSC may downgrade a PEZ to PRZ status where these conditions have not been complied with over a five year period.

### **Phylloxera Risk Zone (PRZ)**

The boundaries of a PRZ are determined by default – including all areas not defined as a PIZ or PEZ.

A PRZ may become a PEZ, provided

- 1) application is made to the NVHSC for an upgrade in status
- 2) the zone satisfies the requirements of the National Protocol – or equivalent (as assessed by the NPTRG on behalf of the NVHSC)
- 3) the necessary legislative/regulatory controls and protocols to prevent introduction of phylloxera are in place, at State legislative and regional industry level.

All new or proposed grape growing regions in PRZs are encouraged to comply with PEZ entry protocols from the start and to seek PEZ status as soon as practicable.

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<sup>1</sup> See National Protocol

## **Schedule of currently recognised PEZs and PIZs under the National Protocol**

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*Note: recently endorsed changes in status may not be reflected in state legislation.*

### **Phylloxera Infested Zones (PIZ)**

#### **Victoria**

- The North East Phylloxera Infested Zone (including King Valley and Buckland Valley)
- The Nagambie Phylloxera Infested Zone
- The Upton Phylloxera Infested Zone
- The Maroondah Phylloxera Infested Zone
- The Whitebridge Phylloxera Infested Zone

#### **New South Wales**

- The Counties of Camden and Cumberland near Sydney
- Hume-Corowa-Albury (local government areas of Albury, Hume and that part of Corowa within the county of Hume).

### **Phylloxera Exclusion Zones (PEZ)**

- Western Australia (state)
- South Australia (state)
- Northern Territory (territory)
- Tasmania (state)
- Victoria
  - The Proclaimed North Western Victoria Vine Protected Area being the shires of Mildura, Swan Hill, the cities of Mildura and Swan Hill and the borough of Kerang
  - The Geographical Indication of Henty and shire of West Wimmera.
- New South Wales
  - Whole state barring those areas recognised as PIZs (above)