

# STOP THE TOAD

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## Cane Toad Hitchhiker Threat & Rapid Response

Operational Planning

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## **1 BACKGROUND**

Cane toads have proven to be effective hitchhikers and have been moved, in vehicles, hundreds of kilometres ahead of the cane toad front. In the Northern Territory (NT) there have been many incursions of this nature and it is important that strategies be developed and implemented to combat this problem in Western Australia (WA).

Lake Evella, Darwin Botanic Gardens and Darwin Airport are just some examples; over 50 cane toads have been removed from Darwin in the 18 months prior to their overland arrival.

The mechanism for this transportation of toads is the inadvertent movement of toads in vehicles, machinery, equipment, freight, camping gear, palettes, pot plants, and caravans. Tourism vehicles and other low to the ground vehicles provide a refuge and toads climb into the undercarriage of these sorts of vehicles in the early mornings. If the vehicle then moves, the cane toads get transported and may hop out of the vehicle the following evening.

## **2 RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The strategy aims to manage this risk through a combination of education, early warning systems and a response process to quickly eradicate any toads, before they have an opportunity to colonise a new area. Complementary strategies that will further reduce this risk are a well resourced quarantine check point and trapping regimes in likely camp sites between Katherine and the WA border.

### **2.1 EDUCATION & AWARENESS**

It is important that people moving through the region:

- are aware of the risk;
- are able to identify a cane toad;
- are able to identify the call of a cane toad; and
- know how to respond.

Raising the awareness of the general public is critical. Shire workers and agriculturalists are important audiences too. People involved in jobs that require them to move around at night, e.g. security guards, are a special target for this type of education, as adult toads are only active at night. Everybody needs to be aware of the cane toad call and be able to identify the various stages of the cane toad lifecycle: egg, tadpole, metamorph and adult.

### **2.2 SENTINEL TRAPS**

Traps with black UV lights are particularly effective in attracting toads and will be set up in areas of risk of toad incursion, ahead of the front line, to help identify when toads arrive in an area, as soon as they arrive

The traps will be set in areas near lights or water in:

- caravan parks;
- truck stops;
- transport yards;
- service stations;
- roadside rest bays; and
- other areas where visitors are likely to remain parked overnight or for long periods of time.

Assessment of risk areas will be carried out over the whole the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley (SWEK), other shires beyond the East Kimberley and within the NT. Other areas that may warrant this type of monitoring are high value assets with low apparent risk, such as the Parry Lagoons system.

## **2.3 COMMUNICATION PROCESSES**

A clear notification and response activation process will be established with processes clearly identified from the 1800 cane toad hot-line and down. Multiple people will be listed at each point in the communication process, creating flexibility and redundancy.

People will be identified at points across the region that can visit the site of a cane toad report and/or positively identify a suspect amphibian. These people will have access to digital cameras so photographs can be emailed to key personnel for formal identification.

A list of names and phone numbers will be created and people on the list contacted and trained in the tasks required. A toad ID Kit will be circulated; including a field chart of commonly mistaken native species, digital camera, zip lock plastic bags, a reference chart for the types of photos needed for identification and the phone numbers to ring.

## **2.4 RAPID RESPONSE PROCESS**

In the event of a confirmed toad incursion: there will be a thorough search of the surrounding area as soon as possible after the report, if during daylight, the search must be conducted again in the evening. An integrated eradication protocol will then be employed that includes all available techniques to provide a high degree of certainty that local eradication is complete.

These techniques include:

- trapping;
- hand collection; and
- audio recording.

Design elements of the eradication protocol include: duration of the process; number of nights of effort with and without sightings; and a long-term revisit regime. Clear mechanisms will be established to activate and coordinate the response and provide feedback to stakeholders

### **2.4.1 RESPONSE TRAPS**

A supply of 'response traps' will be kept in storage at-the-ready for deployment. In Kununurra, for example, 20 response traps could be housed at the SWEK depot (or similar location). Battery maintenance is an important consideration for these traps.

Access to the storage area and trap transport will be identified in this strategy. Guidelines for proximity of traps to water and other deployment tactics will be identified and communicated to response teams.

### **2.4.2 OTHER MATERIALS**

Powerful spotlights will be necessary for this process and these will be stored in kits along with response traps, around the region. Spotlights such as Light Force Predator or 140 SL's are ideal and several charged batteries will be maintained at all times. Audio recording facilities and toad disposal equipment will also be considered.

## **2.5 THREAT ABATEMENT**

A plan to reduce the numbers of toads in camping areas, where vehicles may have spent the evening prior to entry into WA, will reduce the risk of toad incursion.

Traps placed in such locations will reduce this risk and there are a number of tour operators who have indicated they are keen to assist by picking up toads in these areas during their trips. Indications are that many visitors will be keen to be a part of this process.

There have, previously, been issues with the disposal of collected toads and concerns expressed at the risk of non-toad species being inadvertently collected. This can be addressed by having the collected animals placed into traps rather than euthanised in situ.

### 3 DEVELOPING AN OPERATIONAL PLAN

A coordinated multi-agency response to the issue will:

- 1) limit the risk before it arises to the east of the Kimberley;
- 2) detect at an early stage any incursions; and
- 3) respond swiftly and thoroughly to eradicate any such incursion.

#### 3.1 EDUCATION

**Goals:**

- Raise general awareness of cane toads
- Raise capacity of audience to identify toads
- Raise awareness of the 1800 number
- Raise awareness of risk of hitchhiker toads
- Involve people in the rapid response program

**Task Matrix** (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Education				
General Awareness	?	Develop campaign	?	Facilitate sub-committee
	?	Contribute to campaign	?	Workup drafts
ID Skill	?	Develop materials	?	Facilitate sub-committee
	?	Fund and Book Media	?	Internal approvals Booking process
1800 No.	?	Develop campaign	?	Facilitate sub-committee
	?	Contribute to campaign	?	Workup drafts
Hitchhiker Risk	?	Develop materials	?	Facilitate sub-committee
	?	Commission printing	?	Obtain quotes
Involvement	?	Networks	?	Recruitment

### 3.2 SENTINEL TRAPS

#### Goals:

- Identify all locations that might require sentinel traps, estimate number required at each site and rank sites in terms of perceived risk.
- Identify the total number and type of traps required, manufacture and ready for deployment. Identify people and agencies capable and willing to take on the deployment, checking and maintenance of these traps.
- Establish a network of sentinel traps throughout the East Kimberley and beyond if necessary.

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Sentinel Traps				
Site ID	?	ID SWEK sites and other areas	?	Inform staff Collate feedback Assess risk Prioritise
	?	ID CALM sites and other areas	?	Collate sites Assess risk Prioritise
	?	ID Industry sites	?	Inform membership Collate feedback Assess risk Prioritise
	?	ID Indigenous sites	?	Inform communities and agencies Collate feedback Assess risk Prioritise
	?	ID Tourism sites	?	Inform membership Collate feedback Assess risk Prioritise
Trap Needs	?	Collate needs	?	Establish exact trap needs
Implement Traps	?	Deployment Checking Maintenance	?	ID appropriate staff Training

### 3.3 COMMUNICATION PROCESSES

#### Goals:

- Develop a clear and effective line of communication from the 1800 number onwards
- Develop contact list for response with multiple contacts for each area and task
- Develop a toad ID Kit
- Identify, train and equip those responsible for initial investigation and toad identification
- Develop an equipment list and suitable storage locations

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Communication				
CALM	?	Host 1800 No.	?	Agree on community collaboration for this function
	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Collaborate on communications plan
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate on communications plan
Contact List	?	Collaborate	?	ID staff for roles
	?	Facilitate process	?	Facilitate process
	?	Collaborate	?	ID staff for roles
Toad ID Kit	?	Develop ID Kit	?	Identify kit needs Develop materials Purchase and put together Distribute
Storage	?	Store equipment Transport?	?	Identify appropriate storage sites
Training	?	Train staff	?	Train staff with allocated roles
	?	Train other contacts	?	Train identified contacts

### 3.4 RAPID RESPONSE PROCESS

#### Goals:

- Develop a Rapid Response model
- Identify methodology for field search, trapping regime, audio monitoring and follow up

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Rapid Response				
Develop Model	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Facilitate process Contribute to process
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate
Identify specific tactical methodologies	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Facilitate process Contribute to process
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate

#### 3.4.1 RESPONSE TRAPS

#### Goals:

- Identify trap needs (including lighting types)
- Establish design and production
- Develop trap readiness/maintenance regime
- Develop deployment methodology

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Response Traps				
Identify trap needs	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Facilitate process Contribute to process
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate
Design and production	?	Design process	?	Adapt collapsible trap from existing trap designs
	?	Production	?	Coordinate production of new design
Trap readiness	?	Develop regime	?	Produce maintenance planner
Deployment methodology	?	Coordinate	?	Coordinate
	?	Expertise	?	Input expert knowledge



### 3.4.2 OTHER MATERIALS

#### Goals:

- Identify equipment needs (types and numbers)
- Identify suitable storage locations
- Develop equipment readiness regime

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Other Materials				
Identify equipment needs	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Facilitate process Contribute to process
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate
Identify suitable storage locations	?	Undertake to store equipment	?	Identify internally necessary sites and personnel
Equipment readiness regime	?	Develop regime	?	Produce maintenance planner

### 3.5 THREAT ABATEMENT

#### Goals:

- To reduce the numbers of toads in and around popular camping grounds
- Identify camping locations (formal and informal)
- Establish trap numbers and types
- Identify people and agencies capable and willing to deploy, check and maintain traps
- Develop toad disposal procedures

#### Task Matrix (with sample roles and actions)

Task	Agency	Role	Resource	Action
Threat Abatement				
Identify camping locations	?	Collaborate on and facilitate process	?	Facilitate process Contribute to process
	?	Collaborate	?	Collaborate
Establish trap numbers and types	?	Facilitate	?	Coordinate
	?	Investigate	?	Query membership for locations
People and agencies for trap servicing	?	Develop list	?	Collate nominations
	?	Nominate	?	Volunteer staff time
Toad disposal procedures	?	Develop model	?	Facilitate process
	?	ID resources	?	Query membership for resources

This process will also tap into the resources of the tour operators and people involved in the operation of camp grounds as well as visitors who are keen to assist.

Large self contained traps in these areas can be used as holding pens for toads or dedicated collection bins like the FrogWatch Cane Toad Detention Centre (see pic. below) can be installed.



## **4 KEY ORGANISATIONS AND ROLES**

There are number of groups that have both resources as well as cause to respond to this issue, these include: State and Local Government, community groups and private businesses.

### **4.1 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

#### **4.1.1 WA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE**

The WA Department of Agriculture (including their roles with the WAQIS Checkpoint) have a key part to play and represent both existing expertise and resources as well having operational responsibility for elements of this issue. The Quarantine Checkpoint is an important measure for stopping hitchhiker toads but is far from a complete barrier. The Department of Agriculture has a history of response to pest and disease and have skills and experience.

#### **4.1.2 WA DEPT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT**

CALM has responsibility as the lead government agency for cane toad control. The majority of their focus is presently directed at on-ground action in the Northern Territory, however response to hitchhiker incursion in WA is an identified threat and action and resources can be expected on this issue.

#### **4.1.3 NT PARKS AND WILDLIFE**

The Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife are the land managers for much of the current cane toad front. If direct action on this issue is to be taken on that land then permission from this agency is mandatory. They also have personnel who regularly patrol their lands and might be willing to clear traps as part of the Threat Abatement component.

### **4.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

There are number of Local Government groups that have cause to respond to this issue. In terms of stopping cane toads from entering Western Australia, the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley represents the frontline of the impending invasion. However, shires further west in the Kimberley are at direct and imminent risk of the hitchhiker incursions.

#### **4.2.1 SHIRE OF WYNDHAM AND EAST KIMBERLEY - SWEK**

SWEK has great cause to act on this issue. The skills, resources and networks of the Shire represent one of the key assets in the overall war on cane toads. To date the Shire has shown commitment and leadership on this issue and can be expected to play a pivotal role in dealing with the Hitchhiker toad threat.

#### **4.2.2 TIMBER CREEK COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

There are ways in which Timber Creek Community Government Council could employ local toad control efforts that would complement strategies to protect the East Kimberley. Cooperation and sharing of skills and resources are key processes in managing this risk.

### **4.3 COMMUNITY BASED GROUPS**

A number of community groups are already aware of, and in some cases active on, toad control. These groups represent both a source of willing volunteer personnel as well as a focus for self organisation and coordination at some levels. There are three obvious such community groups; the Kimberley Toad Busters, the Stop the Toad Foundation and SEEKS, however other groups exist already or may arise in time.

#### **4.3.1 FROGWATCH**

The community based environment organisation that started the campaign against cane toads in the NT. Frogwatch has community links across the NT, educational resources and cane toad expertise.

#### **4.3.2 KIMBERLEY TOAD BUSTERS**

A very strong volunteer based group with existing contacts and a network across all sectors of the community, including indigenous groups. They have expertise and equipment which may be available at certain times.

#### **4.3.3 SEEKS**

Long term environment group based in Kununurra with existing membership networks and expertise.

#### **4.4 INDIGENOUS GROUPS**

Some indigenous groups and communities are already active and skilled in toad identification and control. Others are yet to find opportunities to act on this issue. Known groups to be considered would include the:

- Kimberley Land Council
- Northern Land Council
- Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation
- Other resource agencies across the Shire
- Individual communities across the Shire
- Other Indigenous groups such as men's and women's groups, youth groups and sporting and social groups

### **5 BUSINESS**

Business and industry represent both elements of risk as well as potential resources and support structures for this strategy. Industry groups have processes in place to inform and organise their constituents.

#### **5.1 KUNUNURRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

The peak representative organisation for general commercial sector in the East Kimberley. The KCCI has a track record of civic responsibility and strong links with SWEK. Strong internal networks and proven organisational ability (e.g. Ord Valley Muster) are key features.

#### **5.2 NORTHERN TERRITORY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Similarly to the KCCI, larger overall scale of membership indicates additional capabilities.

#### **5.3 TOURISM**

These businesses and industry bodies are likely to have communication systems in place with their member businesses that can be used for educational and operational matters.

##### **5.3.1 KATHERINE REGION TOURIST ASSOCIATION**

Contacts and communication channels for businesses such as caravan parks and camping grounds in the NT from Katherine to the WA Border.

##### **5.3.2 KIMBERLEY TOURISM**

The Kununurra Visitor Centre, Skai Club and other groups represent a network of companies that are active in the field throughout the region. Collectively, these companies maintain a large fleet of vehicle, aircraft and boats that might be available during seasonal downtime.

#### **5.4 AGRICULTURE AND PASTORAL**

Agricultural and pastoral industries represent both resources and risks. Much of the land in the East Kimberley is under the management of agricultural and pastoral enterprises. Irrigation infrastructure is a potential toad incursion refuge and transport of materials onto sites represents a possible vector for toad movement. The agricultural and pastoral industries also bring useful skills and networks.

## **5.5 MINING**

Mining companies are some of the major employers in the region their resources and influence on this issue span from transport related risks through to potential employee volunteer workers.

## **5.6 TRANSPORT**

Businesses and industry bodies are key sources of information. Few other groups ply the roads at night as consistently as transport companies. Truck using road side rest stops overnight represent a potential hitchhiker toad risk and awareness needs to be raised on this.

# **6 COSTS**

## **6.1 ID KITS**

Shire offices and some communities and business are likely to already have digital cameras that can be used for this purpose. The other elements of an ID Kit need to be developed and distributed. Estimated cost (excluding digital camera) will be in the order of \$50 per kit.

## **6.2 LIGHTS**

CALM, Toad Busters and STTF will be likely support, but it is also possible they will be out in the field so some designated kits need to be stored with the Shire. Perhaps two spotlights held at both Kununurra and Wyndham Shire depots would suffice. This resource might also be used for other projects such as education nights and toad ID call outs. Cost of spotlights would be approximately \$800 for 4 lights with spare batteries.

## **6.3 TRAPS**

### **6.3.1 RESPONSE TRAPS**

A stockpile of traps need to be available for immediate deployment. A library of 20 traps with lights and power sources would cost approximately \$3000. It is assumed that trailers, or similar, for transporting traps for deployment would be available already and will be identified in the operational plan.

## **6.4 SENTINEL TRAPS**

The total number of traps needed for a comprehensive early warning system will be an outcome of the detailed planning process that will result from this discussion paper. Different types of traps with different light source configurations will be appropriate for different locations. It is however more than likely that no one agency will have the resources to establish or service such a comprehensive network.

## **6.5 TRAINING**

Individuals that are nominated to respond to possible toad sightings will need training in identification and handling of toads as well as taking the necessary digital photos or audio recordings. And those nominated to respond to confirmed toad incursions will need training on trapping, search and hand collection techniques.

## 7 SCENARIOS

### 7.1 GENERIC SCENARIO

1800 number – hosted by WA Dept of Agriculture	Call received
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible toad</li> <li>West of toad front</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify from Coordinator contact list</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Local response – first contactable member on list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of toad</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify from Field Staff contact list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of identified staff able to make initial response</li> <li>Work down listing for that area until contact made</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
On ground response - first contactable member on list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit site</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View toad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it a toad?</li> <li>Take photos</li> <li>Capture and secure animal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email photo to Coordinator for ID confirmation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If confirmed transport animal for second confirmation</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify person who reported toad and prepare them for response</li> </ul>
Initiate Rapid Response –Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish basic info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location</li> <li>Access</li> <li>Terrain</li> <li>Contact details</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate Rapid Response crew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work down listing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate traps and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What type</li> <li>What storage site</li> <li>Transport methods</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground search</li> <li>Trap placement</li> <li>Audio monitoring</li> <li>Follow up searches</li> <li>Trap checking</li> <li>Evaluate Audio</li> <li>Source investigation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare brief for outbreak review panel</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate resource recall and reimplementation of equipment readiness regime</li> </ul>
Outbreak review panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess outcomes of searches, trapping, audio monitoring and source identification</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declare outbreak controlled</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide on ongoing site monitoring regime</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess investigation of outbreak source and make recommendations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate Early Warning and Rapid Response outcomes and make recommendation for review</li> </ul>
Feedback mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media release</li> <li>Email list</li> <li>Agenda item at KCTWG</li> </ul>

## 7.2 REALISTIC SCENARIO

1800 number – hosted by WA Dept of Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call received</li> <li>Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description is similar to toad</li> <li>Location is in Wyndham township</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2200 Day 1: 0hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action</li> </ul> Notify Errol from Coordinator contact list	0800 Day 2: 10hrs
Local response – Errol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify Field Staff from contact list</li> </ul> SWEK Wyndham Ranger alerted	0830 Day 2: 10.5hrs
On ground response - SWEK Wyndham Ranger Visit site – animal caught (night before) at drain on edge of town	0900 Day 2: 11hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View toad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It appears to be a toad</li> <li>Take photos</li> <li>Secure and transport animal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Email photo to Errol – it appears to be a toad	0930 Day 2: 11.5hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport animal for second confirmation: Definite cane toad</li> </ul>	1100 Day 2: 13 hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify person who reported toad and prepare them for response</li> </ul>	1330 Day 2: 15.5hrs
Initiate Rapid Response – Errol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish basic info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location – drain on edge of Wyndham township</li> <li>Access – by road</li> <li>Terrain – urban setting</li> <li>Contact details</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1500 Day 2: 17hrs
Coordinate Rapid Response crew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact crew arrange transport and meeting time</li> </ul>	1600 Day 2: 18hrs
Coordinate traps and equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request 20 12v traps from Wyndham SWEK trap library</li> <li>12 Spot lights</li> <li>4 Audio monitoring devices</li> <li>Organise transport on SWEK flatbed truck to site</li> </ul>	1600 Day 2: 18hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trap placement</li> </ul>	1700 Day 2: 19hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audio monitoring placement</li> </ul>	1700 Day 2: 19hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ground search</li> </ul>	1900 Day 2: 21hrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up searches – 4 successive nights – no toads</li> </ul>	Day 3 - 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trap checking – 10 successive nights – no toads</li> </ul>	Day 3 - 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate Audio – Each 2 days for 10 nights – no toads</li> </ul>	Day 3 - 11
Source investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interview person who first reported – no clues</li> </ul>	Day 3
Site inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road</li> <li>Drain</li> <li>Opposite tourist information panels</li> <li>100m from SWEK depot</li> </ul>	Day 3
Door knock vicinity – no clues	Day 5
Prepare brief for outbreak review panel	Day 12
Coordinate resource recall and reimplementation of equipment readiness regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responding staff thanked</li> </ul>	Day 12
Equipment maintained and returned to storage	Day 12
Member of public who reported thanked and informed of successful outcome	Day 13

<p>Outbreak review panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assess outcomes of searches, trapping, audio monitoring and source identification – no subsequent toads found</li> </ul>	Day 13
Declare outbreak controlled – media release	Day 14
<p>Decide on ongoing site monitoring regime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ weekly nights visits and one trap left in place</li> <li>▪ local door knock to raise awareness</li> </ul>	Day13
<p>Assess investigation of outbreak source and make recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ no certain source of toad</li> <li>▪ SWEK review depot quarantine procedures</li> <li>▪ shire drains in area checked for toads</li> </ul>	Day 13
<p>Evaluate Early Warning and Rapid Response outcomes and make recommendation for review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Response was efficient but easy access and proximity to Wyndham township made response easy</li> </ul>	Day 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendation given that specific scenarios involving remoteness or poor access be planned for</li> </ul>	Day13