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Fruit fly free thanks to world class biosecurity

Thanks to the single largest biosecurity response in Tasmanian history, our state is once again fruit fly free, providing our farmers and producers with access to premium export markets.

Our fruit industry alone is worth approximately \$154 million a year at the farm gate, multiplying to over three times that value when it is processed and sold as food products.

The Hodgman Liberal Government takes biosecurity very seriously, we are backing up our words with real action to protect Tasmanian primary industries and our environment.

In each successive budget this government has invested more into developing a modern biosecurity system, doubled the number of detector dog teams, and invested more to boost frontline services to meet seasonal demands.

We have delivered vital biosecurity infrastructure including diagnostic laboratories, border signage, and the Powranna truck wash and we are investing more to tackle pests and weeds.

And we are partnering with Fruit Growers Tasmania and the TFGA, investing in industry-led biosecurity communication, education and support programs.

The Independent Review into the Tasmanian QFF incursion and response has now commenced and I encourage industry and the public to provide input.

I have no doubt it will be comprehensive and enable us to learn and ensure Tasmania is best place to respond to future threats.

More information about Queensland Fruit Fly can be found on the website: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/fruitfly