

ENVIRONMENT ALERT

Number: 027/2015

Date: 02 Jun 2015

Subject: **Increased Mosquito Activity**

Area of Concern: **Townsville Airport Pty Ltd**

This Environment Alert supersedes Safety Alert Number 003/2014.

Mosquito management

In accordance with the World Health Organisation's International Health Regulations, Article 19, Townsville Airport Pty Ltd in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture attempts to maintain the airport free from the mosquito *Aedes aegypti* and all other mosquitoes capable of hosting human diseases in both their immature and adult forms.

For this purpose, active anti-mosquito measures must be maintained within a protective area extending for a distance of at least 400 metres around the perimeter of the airport terminal and aircraft parking areas.

The Department of Agriculture undertakes weekly surveillance around the terminal and Townsville Airport Pty Ltd works closely with the Townsville City Council for larval treatment around the precinct.

Results from recent surveillance and treatment has identified an increase in mosquito numbers. Townsville Airport Pty Ltd strongly encourages all staff and tenants to take precautions.

Ways to protect yourself:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue/default.asp>

- Wear a good repellent (containing DEET or Picaridin) – particularly during daylight hours when the dengue mosquito is most active.
- Use mosquito coils or plug-in mosquito repellent devices.
- Wear long, loose clothing to help protect yourself from bites.

**Dengue mosquitoes only breed in containers found
around houses, buildings and work yards.**



Tip it

Tip out any water in things like plastic containers, tarpaulins or buckets.



Store it

Store anything that can hold water undercover or in a dry place, including work equipment, surplus materials or trailers, and keep bins covered.



Throw it

Throw out any rubbish lying around like unused or empty containers, tyres, additional materials and keep worksites tidy.

For Further Information please visit:

Townsville City Council

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/resident/mosquitoes/Pages/default.aspx>

Queensland Health Dengue Fact Sheet

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthConditions/2/Infections-Parasites/41/Viral-Infections/169/Dengue>

Please report any incidents immediately to the Townsville Airport Management Centre on **(07) 4727 3211** or email aviation@tsvairport.com.au