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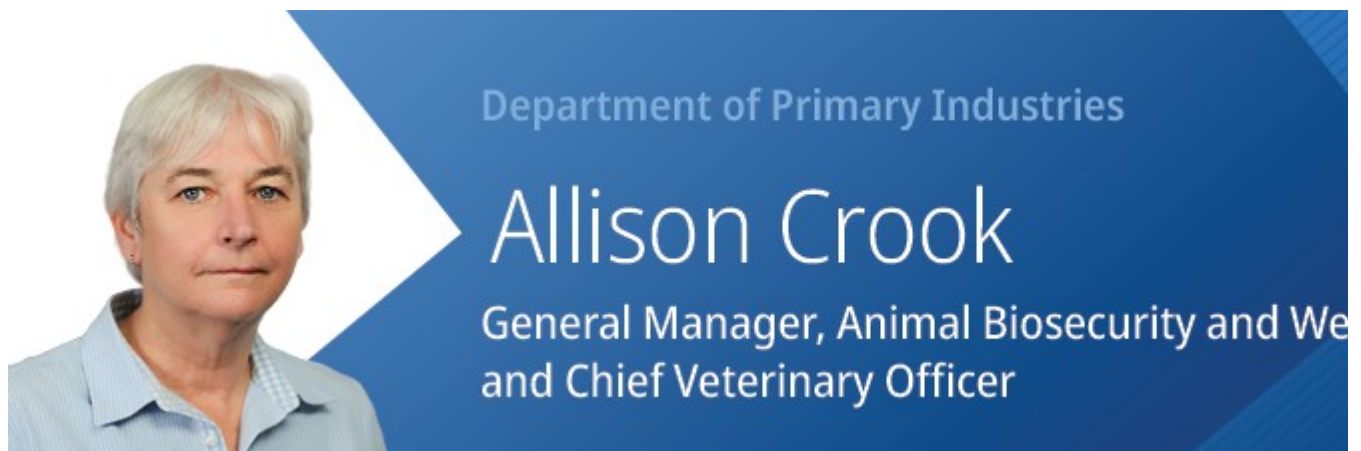
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A wild migratory seabird found on Moreton Island has returned **suspect positive** H5 bird flu results.

This result in Queensland is not unexpected following the detections in Western Australia, South Australia and New South Wales.

Please see media release below for more information.

The Department of Primary Industries has been preparing for this scenario for several years. We will provide more information when available.

Regards,

Allison Crook PSM

General Manager Animal Biosecurity and Welfare and Chief Veterinary Officer

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Media release

Minister for Primary Industries

The Honourable Tony Perrett

Statement from the Minister for Primary Industries

Queensland has returned the state's first suspected positive case of H5 bird flu.

Samples taken from a deceased petrel located washed up on Moreton Island have returned a suspected positive result for H5 high pathogenicity avian influenza, which is now undergoing further testing at the CSIRO's Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness for final confirmation.

Results of the CSIRO's testing to be communicated by the Federal Government.

There has been no detections in native birds, poultry, nor evidence of large-scale deaths in any animals in Queensland.

The risk to human health remains unchanged. It is safe to continue to eat chicken meat or eggs, and I would encourage Queenslanders to purchase these products as they normally would.

The Crisafulli Government remains focused on supporting the poultry industry during this time.

We've strengthened our preparedness measures and continue to work closely with industry to ensure Queensland is ready.

The Queensland Department of Primary Industries will continue to keep the community informed as updates are available.

Queenslanders are advised to avoid contact, from sick or dead birds and report immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

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