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Beekeepers allowed to work hives in NSW

Amendments have been made to the 'do not move' order that is in place for all beekeepers in NSW under the general emergency zone (blue zone).

The do not move component of the order **will remain** in place. **Hives are still not be allowed to be moved within NSW**, significant fines apply. This includes nucs. **Nucleus hives cannot be moved.**

The do not tamper component of the order has been removed. Beekeepers are now allowed to work through their hives and remove honey for extraction and place empty super on full hives.

Beekeepers under the amended order are able to:-

- Remove honey from hives provided
 - the beekeepers shed and apiary are in the same emergency zone (ie blue zone).
 - the beekeeper must take all practicable measures to clear all bees from the supers.
 - honey supers on trucks/utes must be bee proof before leaving site and remain bee proof until arriving at the shed.
 - supers must be transited directly to their shed and supers must be stored in an enclosed shed.
 - truck/ute must be thoroughly cleaned of any honey and wax once unloaded.
- Empty supers maybe placed on hives provided:-
 - beekeepers can only transport super from the shed to one apiary. Beekeepers can not load supers then visit multiple apiaries.
 - the supers have been in the shed for 21 days prior and have had no contact with bees during the 21 days ie. been in the shed for 21 days.
 - supers may NOT go from a shed to an apiary if the shed and apiary are in different zones.

This updated order can be found on the DPI website.

New infested premise identified

A new premise has been identified at Jerrys Plains west of Newcastle. This has been identified through tracing as a hive that had been moved from the Newcastle area. All detections are still directly linked to the Newcastle area. This new detection has increased the zones on the updated map.

Tracing continues to be focus of the team along with surveillance within the emergency zones.