



**LUPIN ANTHRACNOSE QUARANTINE ON EYRE PENINSULA RESPONSE TO
JEFF ARNEY - SAFF NEWS RELEASE THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST AND MINISTER
PAUL HOLLOWAY - ABC NEWS MONDAY 25TH AUGUST
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Liz Penfold has described the response from Jeff Arney on behalf of the South Australian Farmers Federation as a case of "shooting the messenger".

"It is SAFF's members at Kimba, Darke Peak and Buckleboo who are under the impression that SAFF supported the blanket quarantine on Eyre Peninsula. Jeff needs to advise them of what is being done by SAFF about the quarantine"

"The Minister for Agriculture, Paul Holloway suggesting that it is necessary to quarantine all of Eyre Peninsula to 'prevent discrimination and promote competition' is ludicrous. If a farm is not infected by anthracnose or even close to one that is, they should not be penalised as well. Quarantining the whole of Tasmania for a disease outbreak in one area would never be considered but although Eyre Peninsula is about the same size as Tasmania we are sparsely populated and remote and considered easy to bully".

"Eyre Peninsula farmers have had it too tough to be easily bullied and I ask the Minister to have this decision reversed immediately or justify how it will 'prevent discrimination and promote competition' when all I can see it doing is reducing the price by up to \$100 per tonne for some unaffected farmers" Mrs Penfold said.

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Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said lupin growers should contact the SA Farmers Federation and the Minister for Agriculture urgently in order to have Eyre Peninsula's quarantine status for anthracnose changed.

Mrs Penfold urged the action when told that the whole of Eyre Peninsula would remain in quarantine this season.

She said the urgency is dictated by the fact that lupins are flowering now, and this is the time when plants are inspected to determine whether or not they are infected.

Crops could be inspected by PIRSA, field tested and certified free from infection.

"Some farmers lost up to \$100 per tonne last year, at the beginning of the drought, when the whole of Eyre Peninsula was quarantined even though the majority of properties were free from infection," she said.

She said the loss of income due to the blanket ban would negatively impact all Eyre Peninsula centres with flow-on effects right through the community.

"I understand that PIRSA took the decision to continue the blanket ban following consultation with the SAFF who supported quarantine based on apparently two farms at Lock showing contamination.

"On the face of it, SAFF has not communicated with its members, nor has whoever made the decision understood the size of Eyre Peninsula," she said.

"The infected lupins originated around the Cummins area, and therefore to declare Buckleboo an infected area geographically would put (by air flow) all of Yorke Peninsula, Port Wakefield and one third of Kangaroo Island in the infected zone" Chris Lehmann said.

Mrs Penfold said she has been advised that farmers were prepared to pay for field testing provided they could receive a certificate endorsing the property as free from infection.

"If anthracnose is to be wiped out, it seems that the first thing would be to determine where it is occurring.

"That can only be done effectively by inspection."