



Are you moving from the Torres Strait?

Here's what you need to do to ensure smooth sailing through Quarantine.

Background:

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service monitor the movement of quarantine risk material between the Quarantine Protected Zone and the Quarantine Special Zone and from both zones to the mainland. (See map)

The following prohibited items cannot be moved between the zones without an AQIS permit

- Fresh fruit
- Fresh vegetables
- Live plants including cuttings or seedlings or plant products
- Soil
- Animals
- Poultry products including feathers with skin attached
- Meat or dairy products (excluding canned items)

Untreated hides or skins, or other animal products.

If you wish to apply for a permit to move any of the items above please contact your local AQIS office at least 3 weeks prior to departure.

Household goods

2 weeks prior to removalists/packers arriving

Contact your local AQIS office and book an appointment to have your goods inspected. Please do not pack any goods prior to this inspection.

Please note artefacts (will require at least 10 days to treat if borers present)

On the day of the inspection (at least one day prior to removalists/packers arriving).

The officer will be targeting high risk items as follows:

- Artefacts (will require at least 10 days to treat if borers present)
- Garden tools- lawn mowers, whipper-snippers, shovels etc.
- Outdoor furniture
- Outdoor toys
- Camping equipment- tents, sleeping bags, swags, military kit, etc
- Cleaning equipment – brooms, vacuums (inspected after its last use)
- Other items of AQIS concern.
- Animal associated – kennels, bird cages etc

The AQIS Officer will look over all the goods to be packed. If the items listed above are passed the officer will label them with 'Quarantine Passed' labels so that the packers are aware that the items have been inspected and passed.

On the day the packers arrive.

The removal company will be required to book an AQIS inspection for the container in which your items will be packed. You may wish to check with the packers to ensure that they are aware of the inspections required.

There are TWO inspections

- 1st inspection of the container, the AQIS officers will obtain details of the container and inspect the cleanliness of the container. If possible, the container should not be packed under a tree to prevent any QRM (leave etc) falling on it. Packers are to ensure the entrance is matted so they are not transferring QRM into the container while packing. The AQIS officer will place 'Quarantine Hold' tape on the exterior of the container- this can only be removed by the AQIS officer or under direction of an AQIS officer.
- 2nd/Final inspection is carried out after the container is packed. The AQIS officer will inspect the cleanliness of the container interior and exterior. If the container is clean the AQIS officer will remove the 'Quarantine Hold' tape and let off a 'one shot' insecticide can. The officer will then seal the container with a 'Quarantine Passed' label. The container may not be opened after the label has been applied.

Animals

All animals require a permit to move between the zones and the zones and the mainland.

All animals other than cats and dogs (e.g. birds, reptiles, guinea pigs etc) require 2 weeks to issue the permit as they require approval from the AQIS Veterinary staff.

3 weeks prior to departure.

If you are applying for a permit for an animal other than a cat or dog please contact your local AQIS office to make an appointment. At the time of making the appointment the AQIS officer will offer to fax or email you an application form, alternatively you may pick one up from the AQIS office. Please ensure you read and fill this form carefully and in its entirety as any missing or incorrect information can delay the issuing of your permit.

2 weeks prior to departure

- For animals other than cats and dogs please bring your animal to the AQIS office for inspection, with your completed application form at your appointed time. The AQIS officer will conduct an inspection of your animal and forward your application to the AQIS Veterinary officer for approval. The officer will contact you when your permit is ready for collection.

For cats and dogs please contact the AQIS office and book an appointment to bring your cat/dog in for inspection. This appointment should be made for at least two days prior to your departure. At the time of making the appointment the AQIS officer will offer to fax or email you an application form, alternatively you may pick one up from the AQIS office.

On the day of your appointment

- We recommend that you bathe your pet prior to your appointment and treat them for fleas and ticks, and visually inspect them for ticks, prior to your appointment.
- When bringing your pet into the AQIS office, for the safety and comfort of our staff and clients please ensure your animal is restrained.
- At the time of inspection please advise the inspection officer of the temperament of your animal.
- In the case of cats and dogs, after inspection, the officer will issue the permit to allow your cat/dog to travel. The officer will provide you with two copies of the permit, one to attach to your animals cage, another to keep with you, for your reference. You may be asked to present your permit on arrival on the mainland.
- NOTE: Permits will not be issued at Horn Island airport office on day of travel.

Boats, trailers and vehicles

One week prior to departure.

- Contact your local AQIS office and book an appointment for inspection. The inspection needs to take place at least one day prior to consignment at the Shipping Yard.

Prior to inspection

We will be inspecting the following areas on boats and trailers. Please ensure that they are thoroughly cleaned

- Behind trailer wheels
- Trailer mud guards and chassis
- Deck area of boat including above and below floor boards
- Storage areas on the boat
- Cabins
- Outboard including engine cover
- NOTE: any items being packed into the boat will need to be inspected separately and will be required to be removed whilst the AQIS officer is inspecting the vessel and trailer.

We will be inspecting the following areas on vehicles. Please ensure that they are thoroughly cleaned.

- Interior (floors, dash, glove box)
- Storage areas
- Behind the wheels
- Mud guards
- Boot/tray
- Radiator

- Chassis
- Spare tyre and storage area
- Engine area- below bonnet/windscreen
- NOTE: any items being packed into the vehicle will need to be inspected separately and will be required to be removed whilst the AQIS officer is inspecting the vessel and trailer.

Contact numbers:

| Island | Officer | Office phone | Mobile phone |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Thursday Island | Duty officer | 4069 1185 | |
| Horn Island | Airport officer | 4069 1310 | |
| Moa Island | Monty Naawi | 4069 4759 | 0438 526 181 |
| Badu Island | Titom Nona | 4069 4628 | |
| Boigu Island | Gadu Banu/ Richard Anau | 4069 4759 | |
| Saibai Island | Ron Enosa/Jerry Babia | 4069 4503 | 0429 617 089 |
| Masig Island | Hilda Mosby | 4069 4983 | 0427 177 202 |
| Dauan Island | Kevin Akiba | 4069 4527 | |
| Ugar Island | Rocky Stephen | 4090 0795 | |
| Mer Island | Call TI office | 4069 1185 | |
| Erub Island | Call TI office | 4069 4016 | |
| Mabuiag Island | Cygnnet Repu | 4069 4934 | |
| Warraber island | Ted Billy | 4090 3625 | |
| Iama Island | Clayford Lui | 4069 4931 | |
| Coconut Island | Call TI office | 4069 1185 | |



