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Bird flu surveillance update

The number of H5 bird flu events recorded in Tasmania has increased to 46, with two new events identified since the previous update on 23 September 2026.

H5 bird flu events have now been detected in Dover and Devonport.

The total number of tests conducted, positive events and reports is updated daily on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania website.

Surveillance and testing arrangements are ongoing to support Tasmania's preparedness efforts.

Members of the public can report sick or dead birds using our online form and upload photos using their mobile device - nre.tas.gov.au/ReportBirdFlu

The decision to collect a bird for testing is guided by factors including the species involved, location, number of animals affected, and the level of biosecurity risk.

The risk of H5 bird flu to the general public remains low; however, people should not touch sick or dead birds or wildlife.

If you see sick or dead birds or other wildlife:

• AVOID contact.
• RECORD what you see, including the type of animal, number of animals, location, and any photos or video.
• REPORT it by using the online form - nre.tas.gov.au/ReportBirdFlu

or by calling the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

More information is available at www.nre.tas.gov.au/BirdFlu.

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