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# Small hive beetle

## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Biosecurity Tasmania is investigating the confirmed detection of two small hive beetles (SHB). Both specimens were found as part of Biosecurity Tasmania's extensive monitoring program – this is an example of our world class biosecurity system working. Biosecurity Tasmania has taken swift and decisive action, working alongside beekeepers, industry and the community to undertake thousands of beehive and trap inspections. These detections do not mean that SHB is established in Tasmania.

As a precautionary measure to help protect Tasmania's bee population and both the honey and pollination sectors, Tasmania's Chief Plant Protection Officer declared a General Biosecurity Direction, which establishes a 10km Bee Movement Restriction Area (Restriction Area) around the detection site, and restricts the movement of bees, bee products and used beekeeping equipment within, into and out of the zone.

### How do the restrictions impact me?

You must not move hives, bees, bee products or used beekeeping equipment in, out or within the Restriction Area. Hives may be transported though the Restriction Area under a Group Permit. From 21 April 2023, beekeepers can bring honey harvested within Tasmania, but outside of the Restriction Area into the Restriction Area for processing and distribution under a group permit.

Members of the public can also bring raw Tasmanian honey and honeycomb purchased outside of the Restriction Area back into the Restriction Area for consumption.

If you are in the 10km Bee Movement Restriction Area and would like to open your beehives for feeding, honey harvest, removal of supers or winter pack down, please contact Biosecurity Tasmania on 6165 3777 to arrange a permit. **All beekeepers within the Bee Movement Restriction Area are asked to avoid opening beehives during this period.**

Map Restriction Area: <https://dpiwwe-au.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=31e34afb8d1a4497b8048f554e66f754&locale=en-AU>

Hives, bees, bee products or used beekeeping equipment located **outside** the 10km Restriction Area are not affected by the Direction.

If you have any family or friends who keep bees, you can help by making sure their hives are registered and they are aware of the Direction and obligations under their General Biosecurity Duty.

**More information and Permits go to [www.nre.tas.gov.au/SHB](http://www.nre.tas.gov.au/SHB).**



Bee Movement Restriction Area

