



Queensland fruit fly. Photo – Plant Health Australia.

“The spotted wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*) is not present in Australia but is of concern. This pest has recently left its homelands in north-east Asia and spread to many parts of the world. It attacks all berries (including grapes) and most pome and stone fruit.

If it got into Australia via illegal or untreated imports it would impact seriously on GMV horticultural production and exports.”

“The Oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*) is also not present in Australia, but this pest has spread into many regions around the world, recently invading Italy and France. It attacks more fruits and vegetables than Qfly and Medfly and is a major impact pest,” Mr Jessup said.

“The GMV’s olive industry would be at a high risk if the Olive fly (*Bactrocera oleae*) – not present in Australia, invaded via illegal and untreated imports. The olive fly is the number one pest in olives grown around the Mediterranean. It has invaded and established in the USA and is highly invasive.”

Mr Abberfield said in collaboration with Plant Health Australia (PHA), the GMV program includes detailed fact sheets (included in fruit fly information packs, newsletters, a program website, etc) for the exotic fruit flies mentioned above.

These fact sheets utilise hi-res photography and technical data relating to distribution areas, similar species, host range and lure information from *The Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies* (Acknowledgement – PHA).

Using the GMV Area Wide Management platform, the whole community is actively engaged in identifying, detecting, and reporting high risk exotic fruit flies to the regional fruit fly coordinator for investigation and actioning.

Mr Abberfield said this strategy acts like a ‘canary in a coal mine’ and provides an early warning system generated by the community. “It complements and value adds to established government biosecurity detection and control measures for exotic pest fruit flies.”

For more information about these exotic fruit fly species visit the Goulburn Murray Valley Fruit Fly Program website at [www.fruitflycontrol.com.au](http://www.fruitflycontrol.com.au) where links to more information are provided.

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