



## **Terms of Reference for Biological Control Agents**

1. Provide a summary of the proposed activity, including the proposed source of the agent, the number of individuals to be imported and the way in which the specimen(s) will be kept and transported within Australia and disposed of.
2. Provide information on the target species, including:
  - taxonomy
  - related Australian native and introduced species
  - native range
  - current distribution
  - pest status
  - documentation of approval for biological control.
3. Provide information on the taxonomy of the biological control agent.
4. Provide information on the biology and ecology of the species. Include but do not restrict your response to:
  - The natural geographic range
  - Current distribution (i.e. has the species been used for biological control in any other countries?)
  - Related species
  - An estimate of the likely efficacy of the species
5. Describe the current status of the species in its native range.
6. Describe the current status of the species in Australia.
7. Provide information on where, when and how initial releases will be made.
8. Report on the results of host-specificity testing of the biological control agent, including the approved host specificity test list, an explanation of any variation from this list, testing methods, risk evaluation to non-target species and any evidence of laboratory artefacts.
9. Provide an analysis of the overall potential impacts on the Australian environment of importing and releasing the species, including a statement on the likelihood that the species could become an environmental pest.