



# Reporting BIRDS or mammals with a suspicion of HPAI

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Animals may be reported to WIRES with similar signs in similar locations indicating that some sort of disease process is occurring in that area or possibly poisoning.

**As a guide, the following situations should be reported:**

- **small groups or clusters (5 or more) of sick or dead wild birds of any species**
- **individual or less than 5 sick or dead wild birds, if they are: seabirds, waterbirds, shorebirds or birds of prey**
- **any other bird species with signs of AI infection (See bird Clinical signs in guidelines)**
- **sick or dead wild mammals with signs of AI infection (See Mammal Clinical Signs in guidelines)**

## IF A PATTERN IS IDENTIFIED OR CARERS REPORT SIMILAR SIGNS IN A SIMILAR LOCATION:-

*Any of the following directions could be started by the veterinarian or the carer – small animal vets may not always be as aware of this process.*

- Advise MOP's to record location especially for sick / dead birds and put the call out for a pick up of the birds with appropriate PPE
- Advise everyone else in the call center to look out for any other possible cases in that area also.
- Call the Emergency animal disease hotline **1800 675 888**
- Call your local district DPI veterinarian or LLS veterinarian
- <https://wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/Incidents/Report-An-Incident>
- If a malicious poisoning is suspected report an incident via 131555 (Parks) and they will determine if an investigation will be pursued.
- Fill out the incident form attached – or email to rescuer.
- They will advise, if any, what samples they'd like sent for testing.
- Once a case has been confirmed inform John Grant ([wiresmedia@icloud.com](mailto:wiresmedia@icloud.com), 0412300328) and one of Tania Bishop, Matt French, Matthew Godwin or Kailyn McLennan. We have been assisting in getting bodies to the Taronga Registry for testing.
- Advise Local veterinarians that there is an incident occurring in wildlife in their area and to report any cases as above.
- Keep bodies fresh for courier in a **double body bag** - ideally hold at 4 degrees prior to being sent for testing.
- Ensure that all bodies are identified and this can be related back to the history, location and any relevant information about signs etc. noted.
- Note if the animal was euthanased or died and, if euthanased, what method (IV, IC etc)



- All essential for disease tracking as well as evidence chains for malicious poisonings.
- Ideally keep a spreadsheet of incidents if possible.

### **CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR BODY HANDLING FOR SUBMISSION AND PPE DISPOSAL**

- Please ensure they are double-bagged and that gloves are used during any handling of carcasses and arrange transport to Taronga (can be done after hours) to the fridge at the security portal.

This is the current guidance from DPI for disposal of PPE used for this kind of thing, just thought I would also share that:

From DPI re routine PPE disposal:

"As good practice, I would recommend double bagging and securely tying off the bags and placing them into the standard red bins. This is probably overkill but it begins to instil/encourage useful practices which will be crucial when something serious comes our way.

However, if avian influenza or another emergency animal disease is suspected or, if we have confirmed cases of high pathogenicity AI in wild birds, then the paradigm will change and we will need to develop more detailed and specific advice regarding disposal."

**SEE ATTACHMENTS BELOW FOR DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP SAMPLES FROM THE AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY OF WILDLIFE :**



Office Use Only Case No: \_\_\_\_\_



## Australian Registry of Wildlife Health

### Submitter Information

Organisation - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name - \_\_\_\_\_

Address - \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Ref No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab Ref No: \_\_\_\_\_

### Animal Information

Species (common or taxonomic name): \_\_\_\_\_

Animal ID and type: \_\_\_\_\_

Animals given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ g / kg

Age: Adult / Juvenile / Pouched Young / Nestling / Foetus

Approximate age: \_\_\_\_ Yrs / Months / Days (circle)

Where animal held: Zoo / Private / Wild / Rehab /

Quarantine / Feral (please circle)

If Wild/Feral/Private, location name (e.g. town/locality): \_\_\_\_\_

If Zoo, enclosure ID/description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Epidemiology

Number of Animals Dead: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of others affected/sick: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Animal Died: \_\_\_\_\_

Death circumstances: euthanasia / found dead / treated & died / live - biopsy / died in transit

State of specimen: fresh / mild decomposition / moderate decomposition / advanced decomposition (organs not intact)

Samples submitted: carcass / blood / tissue / serum / egg / foetus

Case History, e.g. where animal was located, state of animal when found, previous medical records or history of animal etc.

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## ADVICE FOR DROPPING SAMPLES TO TARONGA:



**TARONGA**  
CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA  
**Australian Registry  
of Wildlife Health**

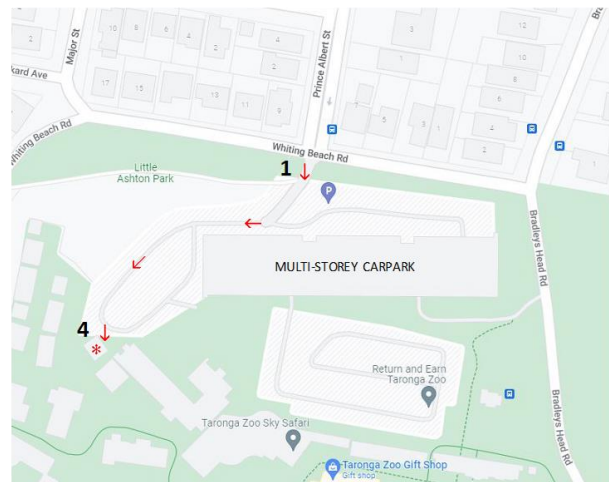
## COURIER DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Australian Registry of Wildlife Health  
Taronga Conservation Society Australia  
End of Prince Albert Street  
(opposite 9 Whiting Beach Road)  
Mosman NSW 2088  
Phone 0481 468 505

1. Approach Taronga Zoo security boom gate at the end of Prince Albert Street
2. Press button on yellow intercom (\*)
3. Enter and proceed right along road and park vehicle near security portal
4. Deliver package to security portal
5. Taronga staff to call 0481 468 505 on arrival



Entrance at the end of Prince Albert Street





## Submitting remains/samples to the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health

### Courier pick up from Registry

1. Drive to the brown unattended security booth with boom gates at the end of Prince Albert St.
2. Push the intercom button and tell security that you are dropping off something for the Registry



3. Drive to the right and forward to the second grey security booth nested in the perimeter fence



4. Park beside the booth

5. Proceed to the left wire door – just push open – no need to sign in or check with security
6. Chest fridge is under cover at the right rear corner of that corridor
7. Place remains in fridge and paperwork on clipboard
8. Please ring the Registry immediately upon delivery – Ph: 0481 468 505