

Mornington Peninsula Rezoning project

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is Agriculture Victoria doing in the Mornington Peninsula?

Agriculture Victoria will soon undertake a widespread surveillance program in the Mornington Peninsula to verify freedom from the vine pest Phylloxera. The success of this program will result in the region being reclassified as a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ).

2. When will the surveillance program commence?

The program is due to commence shortly.

3. Why is this happening?

The program is an initiative from the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association to become a Phylloxera Exclusion Zone (PEZ)

4. Will the program cost me anything?

*Vineyard owners will **not** incur any costs.*

5. What will Agriculture Victoria do on my property?

See the Phylloxera Vineyard Surveillance Information sheet.

6. Who will come to my property?

Trained Biosecurity staff from Agriculture Victoria and department sponsored contractors.

7. How can I identify Agriculture Victoria staff and contractors?

All staff attending your property will be provided with identification.

8. Who will have access to the information gathered?

All information collected is private and will not be distributed publically.

9. What can I do to assist the program?

Please complete Agriculture Victoria's Phylloxera vineyard survey form as well as being available when department staff or contractors call will allow surveillance teams to be as efficient as possible.

10. How long will the program run for?

The rezoning program will run for 3 years. Surveillance will be conducted once per year per property from November to February of each year.

11. Who can I contact for further information?

For further information you can contact the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association - (03) 5989 2377 or email Agriculture Victoria – tim.burge@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Phylloxera Vineyard Surveillance Information

The survey leader will contact you 1-2 weeks prior to starting the survey on your property. Staff will work with you to find a time/date that is most suitable.

Survey procedure in your vineyard

In accordance with best practice biosecurity measures, all team members who enter the vineyard will fully disinfest before entering, and then again when the survey is completed.

The team will walk along each 3rd row and dig under the target vine (one in every 5th panel or other suspect areas) 600 mm from the trunk or near irrigation drippers to expose the actively growing feeder roots.



The team will inspect for phylloxera colonies or galls using the x10 magnification hand lens.

Prior to leaving the property

Once the survey is complete, the team will return to the vehicle to disinfect gumboots, shovels and remove coveralls and place in a plastic bag for disinfection or disposal.



The Team Leader will ensure all staff and equipment are disinfected and will advise the owner/manager if samples have been taken. If samples have been taken then staff will advise what further actions will be taken.