

Citrus canker

What is it?

Citrus canker is a contagious plant disease that affects citrus plants including lemon, lime, mandarin and grapefruit, as well as some of our native plant species.

Citrus canker affects the leaves, twigs and fruit, causing leaves and unripe fruit to drop. Over time, the plant can die. The disease can spread over short distances by wind and rain. It can also spread over longer distances by people moving infected plant material or equipment. Citrus canker does not affect human or animal health.

What are we doing about it?

Citrus canker was detected in the Northern Territory in April 2018. Since then, a national response to eradicate the disease has been in place. Properties within 600 metres of an infected premises were declared as restricted areas and all citrus plants were removed to prevent further spread. These restricted areas have now been lifted and affected residents are free to plant citrus trees again on their properties. Many other properties outside of these areas have also been surveyed for signs of the disease.

The Australian, State and Territory governments and industry parties agreed to these measures to protect Australia's citrus industry which is valued at \$798 million per year. These measures help stop the spread of the disease, and will enable us to prove Australia is free from citrus canker at the conclusion of this program.

Restrictions are in place

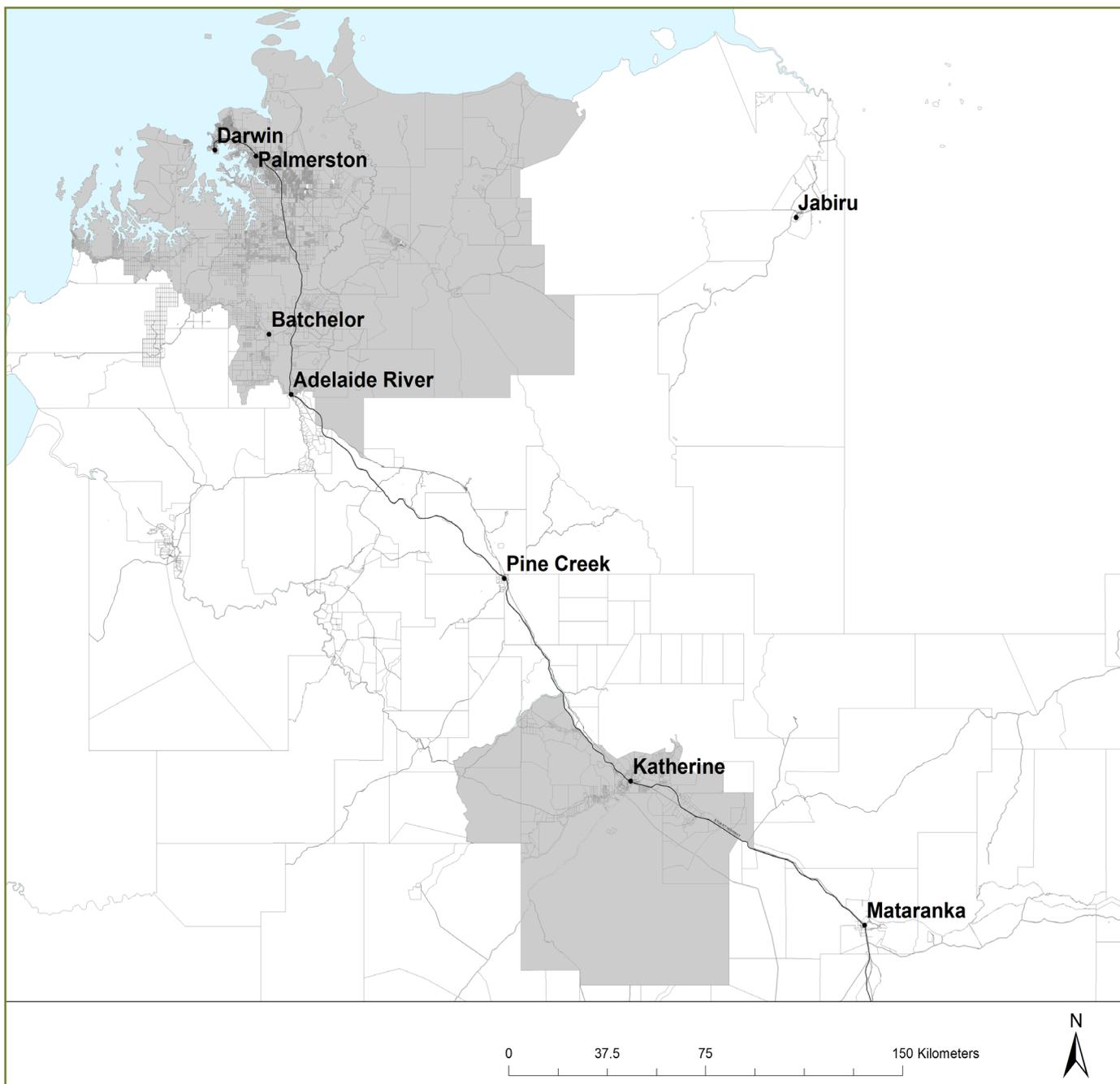
Restrictions on movement of citrus plants and fruit are in place in two control areas in the greater Darwin and Katherine regions. Maps of the control areas associated restrictions can be found on the back of this factsheet.

Strict quarantine measures are also in place for citrus farmers selling their produce interstate.

The restrictions will remain in place until the Australian, State and Territory governments and industry parties agree that the disease has been eradicated. Restrictions can be lifted when the Northern Territory is able to prove the disease is no longer present and has been declared citrus canker free.



In control areas (marked in grey on the map):



Citrus plants, citrus canker host plants, citrus fruit and other plant materials cannot be moved out of the control area without a permit.



Citrus fruit and juice can be moved around or be brought into the control area for human consumption.



Residents and businesses will be advised when restrictions are lifted and citrus plants and fruit can move freely in and out of the control area.

For more information visit nt.gov.au/citruscanker