

Phone conversation between Dr David Buckley of Biosecurity Australia and Nigel Tonkin on 31/5/02 discussed the following:

- **The Import Risk Assessment time frame has slipped again.**
- **Methodology things (wrinkles) need ironing out.**
- **Inconsistency checks of existing policies for all species causing delays.**
- **July 2002 is the next meeting of the Risk Assessment panel and it is hopeful that the document is able to be presented at this meeting.**
- **The Draft 'should' be ready by the end of July early August for distribution and comment – 60 day allowance for the comment stage.**
- **Depending on responses, this document may need a tidy up.**
- **After tidy up, final draft to be distributed – 30 day allowance for appeal against proposals.**
- **Recommendation for or against realistically December 2002 if all green lights along the way.**
- **Those for importation need to put more effort in (scientific) to support their case.**

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