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APIS CERANA AND VARROA JACOBSONI IN TOWNSVILLE – NO. 3

On Sunday 17 July 2016, a nest of Asian bees, *Apis cerana*, were found in a bird box at a residence in Annandale, Townsville. This is the second find in Townsville following the original find on 27 June.

Examination of the bees has found no *Varroa jacobsoni* and the comb is still being examined.

This find is around 9 kilometres from the original find at the port of Townsville.

A Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) formed to advise the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) has met and, while the deliberations are confidential, at this stage I can report that it was a positive meeting.

Further information as it is approved for release.

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