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APIS CERANA AND VARROA JACOBSONI IN TOWNSVILLE – NO. 7

I would advise that another nest of *Apis cerana* has been found in Townsville. As there were no *Varroa jacobsoni* found on them, this then becomes 4POR (Premise of Relevance). As I explained previously, the *V. jacobsoni* is the Emergency Plant Pest here and not the Asian bees so only finds of *V. jacobsoni* will be called an IP (Infected Premises).

4POR is one street away from 3POR so there is every possibility that 3POR came from 4POR.

There were around 5,000 bees in the nest and it is estimated to have been there since late last year.

Foraging cerana are still being found so beelining is being set up to track these to their nest.

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