

# Management of school European honey bee hives

**Emergency orders are in place across NSW to protect the bee industry from the deadly varroa mite parasite**

NSW DPI has issued an [emergency order which bans the movement of bees and hives \(PDF, 354.5 KB\)](#) in NSW.

**You must not move your bees, including queen bees and packaged bees or your hives anywhere in NSW.**

With the school holidays approaching it is critical that schools with European honey bee hives take the following actions:

- Ensure you are registered with DPI and that the contact details are up to date and suitable for the school break. You can [register now here](#)
- Ensure a staff member is available through the break to act if required.

**Varroa mites do not affect native bees.**

If you think you have found varroa mite, you must tell NSW DPI immediately. You can notify NSW DPI by:

- Completing the Report a [Biosecurity Concern form](#) (nsw.gov.au)
- Emailing [hive.location@emergency.dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hive.location@emergency.dpi.nsw.gov.au), or
- Calling the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline, **1800 084 881** (9am to 5pm, 7 days a week).

If mite surveillance is carried out on your hives, you cannot move or interfere with any equipment placed in your hives by NSW DPI staff.

Support for your school is also available from the Animal Welfare Coordinator by emailing [AnimalWelfare@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:AnimalWelfare@det.nsw.edu.au)

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