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Spot The Risk To Protect Your Patch

Primary Industry Minister Chris Natt today urged visitors to the Alice Springs Show to be on the lookout for a green and purple cow.

“Earlier today I painted a cow green and purple at the Alice Springs Show to promote the Territory Government’s bio-security message in central Australia,” Mr Natt said.

“The Northern Territory is the best place to live, work and raise a family – we want to keep it that way.

“Our strong economy continues to grow with our mining, fishing and rural industries set to contribute more than $8 billion to our economy this financial year.

“But a strong economy doesn’t happen by accident – it needs to be well managed.

“That is why the Northern Territory Government is working hard to protect these vital industries – and our great Territory lifestyle – from exotic pests and diseases.

“We have strong credentials when it comes to managing our bio-security, with the Northern Territory successfully eradicating pest and diseases such as grapevine leaf rust and Black-striped mussels.

“Painting a cow with green and purple spots at the Alice Springs Show is a reminder to rural landholders to remain vigilant and implement or maintain strong bio-security measures to prevent pest and disease outbreaks on their property and neighbouring properties.

“The spotted cow is part of the Northern Territory Government’s Protecting Your Patch display as well as participating in this afternoon’s Alice Springs Show grand parade.

“Painting the cow fits in with the national Emergency Animal Disease Watch program run by Animal Health Australia called Spot the Risk.

“I urge anyone who suspects an emergency animal disease to contact their local veterinarian, stock inspector or phone the free call Emergency Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.”

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