



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



Crop Poisoning of Bowen Seedling Nursery and Hydroponic Tomato Plantation \$200 000 Reward

REWARD:

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services has approved a reward of \$200 000 be offered for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for crop poisonings at two Bowen properties between 20 and 25 June 2010.

INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION:

In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information.

The allocation of the \$200 000 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Police Service.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

On 25 June 2010 the operators of Supa Seedlings Nursery in Bowen reported that between 5 and 7 million tomato plants on their property had been poisoned. On 26 June 2010, the neighbouring property Donnelly Farms reported that 16 000 mature plants in their greenhouse had been poisoned and 40 tonnes of produce destroyed. All plants on both properties died as a result of the poisoning, resulting in substantial economic losses for the region.

The affected properties draw water from the same holding tank and it has been established that a herbicide was introduced into the water supply for both properties.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

- Bowen Criminal Investigation Branch, Phone (07) 4720 4555;
- Any Police Station; or
- Crime Stoppers, Phone 1800 333 000.

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