



NSW Agriculture

Mr R Gill
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14 JAN 2000

Dear Mr Gill

Exotic Disease Emergency, Mangrove Mountain

On behalf of the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation, the Hon Richard Amery MP, I am writing to thank you and the staff of the Volunteer Rescue Association, for the assistance provided during the Newcastle Disease outbreak at Mangrove Mountain.

This was the largest exotic disease occurrence in Australia. The State's resources were stretched and reliance on a range of organisations was critical.

The effort made by the Volunteer Rescue Association was greatly valued.

Enclosed is a certificate of appreciation from NSW Agriculture, Minister Amery and the Director General, Dr KP Sheridan AO.

I would ask that you pass on to your colleagues our appreciation for a job well done, without your support the task would have been greatly extended.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Sheldrake".

**RICHARD SHELDRAKE
ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL**



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Certificate of Appreciation

presented to

Volunteer Rescue Association

*for your valuable contribution
in helping control the
Exotic Disease Outbreak*

at

*Mangrove Mountain
1999*

*The Hon. Richard Amery MP
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Land and Water Conservation*

*K P Sheridan AO
Director-General
NSW Agriculture*