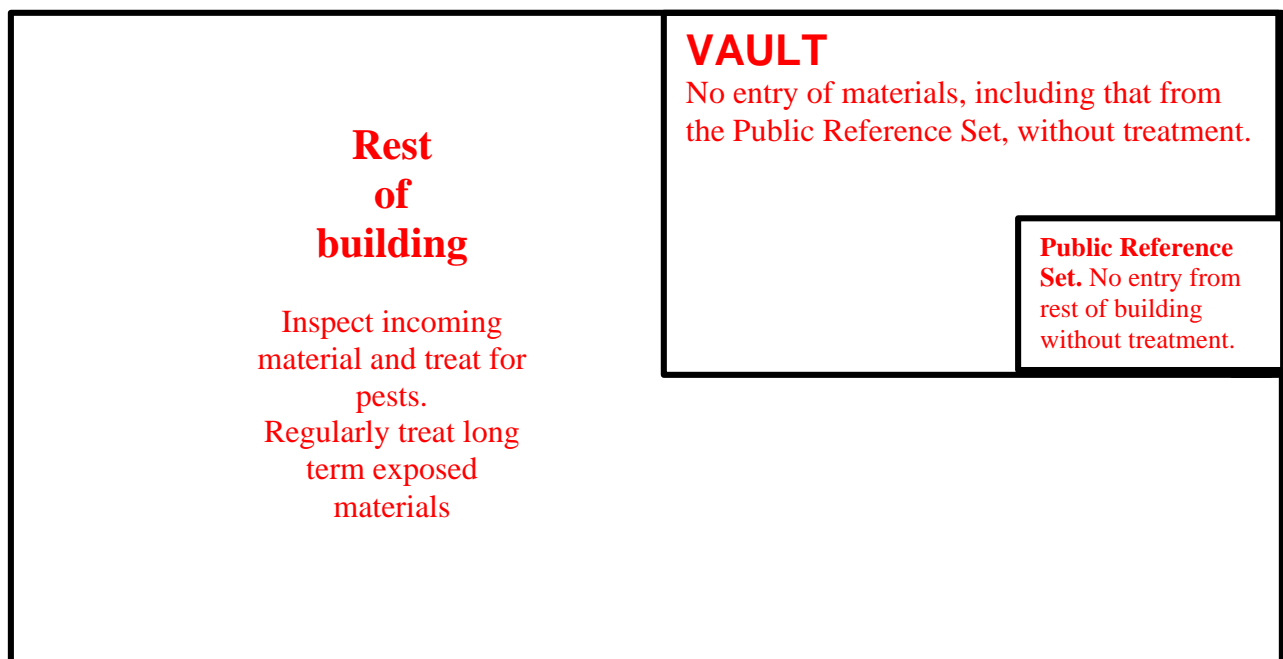


POLICY FOR IN-HOUSE QUARANTINE

N.T. Herbarium, DNA (Darwin North Australia)

This policy is intended for staff and visitors alike. We all play a part in keeping the collection pest free and in a condition that ensures the longevity of our specimens.



- No plant specimens (alive or dead) should pass the public entrance without being inspected for insect pests. An insecticide is available at the front entrance.
- No plant specimens should be taken into the Public Reference Set and Vault without being frozen for at least seven days. The only exception pertains to material sealed in plastic bags.
- Specimens to be frozen can only be frozen on our premises.

- Specimens removed from the Vault and Public Reference Room to the general office space must be frozen before being returned.
- Specimens removed from the Vault to the Public Reference Room must be frozen before being returned to the Vault.
- Three freezers with staggered schedules are provided for freezing specimens.
- Boxes, cardboards and paper folders (including newspaper) should not be taken into the Vault and Reference Set without being frozen. Limited supplies of these materials will be kept in both the Vault and Reference Set to help ensure that this requirement is not impractical.
- To help prevent a build up of boxes in the Public Reference Room all staff and visitors are encouraged to use the facilities in the main vault when the reference set is inadequate.
- Please note that there is a time limit of ONE hour without a break in the vault due to limited air circulation.
- Single specimens may be moved temporarily to different areas in sealed clear plastic bags. The bags are not to be opened and the specimens not removed until they are returned to where they last came from.
- Material outside of the Vault and Public Reference Set should be regularly checked and treated for insects and mould.