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BIOSECURITY Queensland is investigating the deaths of 25 magpies on vacant land in Taylor Crescent, Cleveland.

The birds were found dead between Monday and Wednesday on land that abuts Waterloo Street.

Pelican and Seabird Rescue vice-president Natalie Forrest collected the corpses from the site and took them to Biosecurity Queensland laboratories at Coopers Plains. Results of the autopsies will be known in a week.

Five magpies were found alive and are fighting for their lives at Pelican and Seabird Rescue headquarters at Gumdale.

Natalie said the bird deaths were being treated as suspicious after 12 crows were found dead in the vicinity in June.

"We are testing some meat one of the birds coughed up but we believe this is another case of poisoning in Cleveland," Natalie said.

In June, 12 crows were found dead in and around Doig Street and behind the Redland City Council offices in Cleveland. A lump of poisoned mince was also found on the top of a rubbish bin in the council's Doig Street car park.

Anyone with information about the dead birds can contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on [1300 130 372](tel:1300130372), the RSPCA on [1300 852 188](tel:1300852188) or Crime Stoppers on [1800 333 000](tel:1800333000) or visit crimestoppers.com.au.

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Pelican and Seabird Rescue Vice president Natalie Forrest with six of the dead magpies found in Taylor Crescent, Cleveland. Photo by Chris McCormack



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