



Environmental Biosecurity Interdepartmental Group (EBIG) Annual Report 2025

Environmental biosecurity protects Australia's environment, cultural assets and way of life by reducing risks and impacts from pests, weeds and diseases. The Environmental Biosecurity Interdepartmental Group (EBIG) brings together Commonwealth agriculture and environment departments to strengthen national collaboration on environmental biosecurity matters.

2025 Achievements

- Fostered collaboration on shared national priorities including the National Myrtle Rust Working Group and Feral Cat Taskforce.
- Contributed to national environmental biosecurity policy advice via the Environment and Invasives Committee, and its working groups and the Environment Biosecurity Advisory Group.
- Provided national leadership, built partnerships and raised awareness at key events including the One Health Symposium 2025, 2025 National Landcare Conference, the 2025 Australian International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Symposium and 2025 River Reflections conference.
- Supported national preparedness and response, including the Exotic Environmental Pest List review and progressing H5 bird flu preparedness activities.
- Prioritised engagement and consideration of First Nations values, and extended investment in Indigenous-led pest and weed management in northern Australia.
- Supported delivery of national action plans and coordination programs to manage priority pests targeting feral deer, feral pigs, foxes and feral cats.
- Invested in innovative control tools for invasive species like carp, rabbits, feral cats and weeds.
- Advocated for national collaborative action to reduce key threats to native species through national threat abatement planning.
- Considered recommendations by the Inspector-General of Biosecurity, including further strengthening of cross-departmental engagement on environmental biosecurity.

Highlight: 2025 Environmental Biosecurity Roundtable

Facing the future together – 11 September 2025 Melbourne Zoo

The 2025 Environmental Biosecurity Roundtable was a great success. The event was hosted by DAFF and DCCEEW and welcomed 68 participants from 38 organisations.

The roundtable highlighted the importance of collaboration and shared responsibility. The agenda included panels, workshops and presentations. The day focused on sharing knowledge and setting priorities for future work.



2026 Focus

- Progress action to deliver global biodiversity targets including for invasive species through Australia's Strategy for Nature.
- Implement agreed recommendations from the Inspector-General of Biosecurity environmental biosecurity review.
- Host the 2026 Environmental Biosecurity Roundtable.

More information

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