



DCCC Meeting 100

3 April 2025 – Agriculture House, Canberra

The 100th meeting of Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) Cargo Consultative Committee (DCCC) chaired by Monica Collins, First Assistant Secretary, Biosecurity Operations Division, convened in Canberra on Thursday 3 April.

DAFF Secretary, Adam Fennessy PSM and Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity Operations and Compliance Group, Justine Saunders APM joined the 100th meeting to highlight the DCCC's historic inception in 1997 and its longstanding, significant role in advancing effective and efficient biosecurity outcomes – a key pillar supporting the nation's economy, community and environment.

Secretary Fennessy's opening address acknowledged the complexities of the geopolitical context and challenges confronting global rules-based trade – he emphasised how biosecurity is one piece of the puzzle where industry and government engagement plays a pivotal role in ensuring seamless trade while safeguarding Australia's borders.

The meeting focused on DAFF's strategies to deliver a modern, resilient biosecurity system:

- the DAFF Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap – with progress on the biosecurity priorities, expenditure and funding to be transparently and accountably shared through the annual Biosecurity Funding and Expenditure Report and the Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel
- Biosecurity Operations Division's Three-year Strategy, guided by the Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap, prioritises key operational efforts to 2028 – at the same time digital rollouts under the Simplified Targeting and Enhanced Processing System (STEPS) program will continue through 2027 and possibly further
- the sustainable biosecurity funding agenda covered the financial performance of the 2024-25 biosecurity cost recovery arrangements, progress of the 2025-26 cost recovery impact statement (CRIS) and the successful first quarter outcomes of self-assessed clearance (SAC) cost recovery from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

The latter half of the 100th meeting focused on integrating biosecurity requirements into the growing low value import pathway, expansion of national port infrastructure and the DCCC's role in shaping how industry leaders will work with government to facilitate trade and drive the connectivity, innovation, efficiency and sustainability of Australia's biosecurity system.

The DCCC will recast its Terms of Reference to reflect its future role and reconvene on 31 July 2025.

DCCC Industry representative attendees

Dianne Tipping, **Export Council of Australia**

Carolyn Macgill, **Food and Beverage Importers Association**

Brad Leonard, **International Forwarders and Custom Brokers Association of Australia**

Mike Gallacher, **Ports Australia**

Craig Birchall, **Qantas Airways Ltd**

Tanya Thornton, **Australia Post**

Dianne O'Hara, **Federal Chambers of Automotive Industries**

Sal Milici, **Freight and Trade Alliance**

Peter Van Duyn, **International Cargo Handling Coordination Association**

Melwyn Noronha, **Shipping Australia Limited**

Stephen Pearse, **Board of Airline Representatives Australia**