**National Biosecurity Forum**

**10–11 November 2021**



## National Biosecurity Forum

The annual National Biosecurity Forum brings together government, business and industry stakeholders to discuss the challenges, opportunities and innovative approaches to protecting Australia’s biosecurity system.

The forum will be run over 2 days online on Wednesday 10 November and 11 November 2021.

Australia continues to face increasing biosecurity challenges, such as growing trade volumes, increasingly complex supply chains and climate change and variability. These factors increase the risk of exotic pests and diseases entering the country.

The 2021 forum will focus on:

* taking a future focus –a national biosecurity strategy
* shared responsibility and partnerships
* preparedness.

### 2021 Australian Biosecurity Awards

All over the country, individuals and organisations work tirelessly to safeguard our country from biosecurity threats. The Australian Biosecurity Awards recognise these individuals and groups that show a commitment to working with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) to support and promote Australia’s biosecurity and the systems that uphold it.

The award categories include the:

* Dr David Banks Biosecurity Lifetime Achievement
* Dr Kim Ritman Science and Innovation
* Industry
* Government
* Community
* Education
* Farm Biosecurity Producer of the Year.

### Agenda

Day 1 – Forum – Wednesday 10 November 2021, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (AEDT)

| Time | Agenda item | | Speakers |
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| **Opening** | | | |
| 9:30 am – 9:50 am | Welcome and housekeeping | | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator |
| Welcome to Country | | **Jude Barlow**, Ngunnawal Elder |
| Minister’s address | | **The Hon David Littleproud**, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia |
| **Session 1. Taking a future focus – A national biosecurity strategy** | | | |
| 9:50 am – 11:05 am | Accelerating reform – Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 and the link to a national biosecurity strategy | National Biosecurity Committee co-chairs  **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE | |
| Alignment of collective efforts – a national biosecurity strategy | **Malcolm Letts**, Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer, DAFF QLD | |
| Panel Discussion | **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE  Malcolm Letts, Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer, DAFF QLD  Andy Sheppard, CSIRO | |
| **Session 2. Preparedness – Is Australia prepared for the next national biosecurity threat?** | | | |
| 11:05 am – 12:20 pm | The role of biosecurity in a One Health approach to antimicrobial stewardship | **Dr Jo Coombe**, Secretariat and Chair, Animal Industries’ Antimicrobial Stewardship R, D & E Strategy | |
| The new normal – positioning our emergency response capability to meet the changing risk profile | **Jo Laduzko**, Assistant Secretary, Biosecurity Response and Reform, DAWE | |
| Northern Australia Indigenous Ranger program – early detection data collection allowing an evidence-based approach to the management of threats | **Desley Darby**, Director NAQS, Community Engagement, DAWE  Murray Korff, Director NAQS, Torres Strait and Field Operations, DAWE | |
| Panel Discussion—Prioritising our preparedness efforts | Dr Jo Coombe  Jo Laduzko  Desley Darby  Murray Korff  Susan Finnigan, Kia Ora Merino | |
| **Day 1 wrap-up** | | | |
| 12:20 pm – 12:30 pm | Wrap-up | **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE  **Malcolm Letts**, Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer, DAFF QLD | |

Day 1 – Australian Biosecurity Awards – Wednesday 10 November 2021, 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm (AEDT)

| Time | Agenda item | | Speakers |
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| **Welcome** | | | |
| 3:00 pm – 3:10 pm | Welcome and housekeeping | | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator |
| Welcome video | | **The Hon David Littleproud**, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia |
| **Australian Biosecurity Awards** | | | |
| 3:10 pm – 4:10 pm | Award presentation | **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE  **Malcolm Letts,** Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer, DAFF QLD | |
| Closing video | **The Hon David Littleproud**, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia | |
| **Awards wrap-up** | | | |
| 4:10 pm – 4:15 pm | Wrap-up | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator | |

Day 2 – Forum – Thursday 11 November 2021, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (AEDT)

| Time | Agenda item | | Speakers |
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| **Opening** | | | |
| 9:30 am – 9:50 am | Welcome, housekeeping and day 1 overview | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator | |
| Secretary’s address | **Andrew Metcalfe**, Secretary, DAWE | |
| **Session 3. Shared responsibility and partnerships** | | | |
| 9:50 am – 11:05 am | Community awareness of biosecurity and the need for a clear brand | DAWE Richard Keane, Assistant Secretary, Analytics & Innovation, DAWE, | |
| The New Zealand experience – ‘Ko Tātou This Is Us’ | **Tim Fraser**, Manager of Partnerships and Engagement within Biosecurity New Zealand | |
| Delivering enhanced biosecurity outcomes in partnership with industry – trialling new approaches for imported cargo | **Leanne Herrick**, Senior Director, Industry Partnerships and Engagement, DAWE  **Joanne Elliott**, ISC Manager, Kmart | |
| Panel discussion | **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE  **Tim Fraser**, Manager of Partnerships and Engagement within Biosecurity New Zealand  **Leanne Herrick**, Senior Director, Industry Partnerships and Engagement, DAWE  **Joanne Elliott**, ISC Manager, Kmart | |
| **Session 4. Science and innovation** | | | |
| 11:05 am – 12:20 pm | Use of innovative technologies for wildlife conservation in Australia | **Dr Vanessa Pirotta**, Data Scientist, Science Communicator, Rapiscan Systems | |
| Detecting fumigants and biosecurity priority pests using real-time vapour detection | **Lisa Linssen**, General Manager, RingIR Australia | |
| CEBRA project ‘Estimating trading partner exposure risk to new pests or diseases’ | **Andrew Robinson**, Chief Executive Officer, CEBRA and Professor of Biosecurity, University of Melbourne | |
| Panel discussion – Research to market: translating innovation to tangible outcomes | **Andy Sheppard**, CSIRO  **Geoff Grossel**, DAWE (eDNA research to market development)  **Dr Vanessa Pisrotta**, Data Scientist, Science Communicator, Rapiscan Systems  **Lisa Linssen**, General Manager, RingIR Australia | |
| **Day 2 wrap-up** | | | |
| 12:20 pm – 12:30 pm | Day 2 wrap-up | **Andrew Tongue**, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE | |

Day 2 – Australian Biosecurity Awards Q&A – Thursday 11 November 2021, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (AEDT)

| Time | Agenda item | | Speakers |
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| **Opening** | | | |
|  | Welcome, housekeeping | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator | |
| **Australian Biosecurity Awards Q&A** | | | |
|  | 2021 Award winners | 2021 Award winners | |
| **Wrap-up** | | | |
|  | Wrap-up | **Richard Morecroft**, Facilitator | |

### More information

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