# 2023 National Biosecurity Forum

Program

## Wednesday 5 April 2023

The annual national event brings together a diverse range of industry, government and community stakeholders from around Australia to discuss challenges, opportunities, and innovative approaches for protecting Australia’s biosecurity system.

The forum this year will focus on:

* stronger partnerships and a shared biosecurity culture
* new opportunities and challenges
* natural pathways and invasive species
* integration supported by technology, research and data.

Facilitated by Richard Morecroft

Richard Morecroft returns tofacilitate the 2023 NationalBiosecurity Forum.

Richard is a well renowned and respected media figure, with a quarter of a century of experience in broadcasting and journalism.

## Opening

### 9:00 – 9:40 am

| Time | Session |
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| 8:30 – 9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:05 am | **Welcome and housekeeping**  *Richard Morecroft* |
| 9:05 – 9:10 am | **Welcome to Country**  *Wally Bell* |
| 9:10 – 9:30 am | **Minister’s address**  *Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 9:30 – 9:40 am | **Interactive session** |

## Session 1: New opportunities and challenges

### 9:40 – 11:55 am

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| 9:40 – 9:55 am | **Biosecurity: a national approach**  *Dr Chris Locke, NBC Co-chair, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group*  *Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 9:55 – 10:35 am | **Biosecurity, what’s on the horizon?**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Dr Mark Schipp, Australian Chief Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Dr Brant Smith, Acting First Assistant Secretary – Biosecurity Animal Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Dr Bertie Hennecke, Australian Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 10:35 – 11:05 am | **Biosecurity before the Australian border**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Tina Hutchison, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Stuart Anderson, Biosecurity New Zealand* * *Sal Milici, Freight & Trade Alliance and the Australian Peak Shippers Association* |
| 11:05 – 11:30 am | Morning tea |
| 11:30 – 11:55 am | **FMD – a national response**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Dr Brant Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Nathan Rhodes, Primary Industries and Regions South Australia* * *Justin Toohey, Australian Dairy Farmers* |

## Session 2: Integration supported by technology, research and data

### 11:55 am – 1:00 pm

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| 11:55 am – 12:10 pm | **Co-designing Australia’s future-focused traceability system**  *Joanna Bunting, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 12:10 – 12:25 pm | **Integrated digital biosecurity systems**  *Sarah Corcoran, Plant Health Australia* |
| 12:25 – 1:00 pm | **Technology and industry co-design**  Facilitated by Jessica May, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  *Panel discussion:*   * *Nicola Stokes, North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation* * *Dr Alejandro* Trujillo-González*, University of Canberra, National eDNA Reference Centre* * *Ley Osborne, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Dr Robert Clemens, Biosecurity Commons* |
| 1:00 – 1:50 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:50 pm | **Innovation showcase**  In person participants will have the opportunity to get their hands on new technology the Research and Innovation section is exploring to manage biosecurity challenges and risks. |

## Session 3: Stronger partnerships and a shared biosecurity culture

### 1:50 – 3:25 pm

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| 1:50 – 2:05 pm | **The National Biosecurity System: a collective vision for our future**  *Malcolm Letts, Biosecurity Queensland – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries* |
| 2:05 – 2:35 pm | **Changing behaviour and fostering a shared biosecurity culture**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Kirsten Phillips, Biosecurity Queensland – Department of Agriculture and Fisheries* * *Lyndal Reading, Agriculture Victoria – Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action* * *Zarmeen Hassan, AUSVEG* * *Gavin Singleton, Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation* |
| 2:35 – 2:55 pm | **A NZ perspective**  *Stuart Anderson, Biosecurity New Zealand* |
| 2:55 – 3:25 pm | **Strengthening and expanding networks with stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and international level**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Sarah Corcoran, Plant Health Australia* * *Kathleen Plowman, Animal Health Australia* * *Lee Cale, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 3:25 – 3:45 pm | Afternoon tea |

## Session 4: Natural pathways and invasive species

### 3:45 – 4:45 pm

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| 3:45 – 4:15 pm | **Climate change impacts – how do we get ready for changes to natural pathways and invasive species distribution?**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Professor Mark Howden, Australian National University* * *Dr Darren Peck, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 4:15 – 4:45 pm | **Addressing the impacts of invasive species on biodiversity**  *Panel discussion:*   * *Shalan Scholfield, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* * *Richard Swain, Invasive Species Council* * *Dr John Virtue, JG Virtue Biosecurity Services Pty Ltd* |

## Wrap up

### 4:45 – 5:00 pm

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| 4:45 – 4:55 pm | **Secretary’s address**  *Andrew Metcalfe, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* |
| 4:55 – 5:00 pm | **Wrap up**  *Richard Morecroft* |
| 5:00 pm | Event close |

## Recognising Australia’s biosecurity champions

The Australian Biosecurity Awards recognise individuals, groups and organisations that have shown a commitment to supporting and promoting Australia’s biosecurity and the systems that underpin it.

Winners are announced as part of the National Biosecurity Forum.

These awards celebrate biosecurity contributions across 8 categories:

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

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**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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