



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

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 to facilitate the 2023 National Biosecurity 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
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 - 9:05 am	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Richard Morecroft</i>
9:05 - 9:10 am	Welcome to Country <i>Wally Bell</i>
9:10 - 9:30 am	Minister's address <i>Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
9:30 - 9:40 am	Interactive session



Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

Session 1: New opportunities and challenges

9:40 - 11:55 am

Time	Session
9:40 - 9:55 am	<p>Biosecurity: a national approach <i>Dr Chris Locke, NBC Co-chair, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i></p>
9:55 - 10:35 am	<p>Biosecurity, what's on the horizon? <i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Dr Mark Schipp, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Dr Brant Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Dr Bertie Hennecke, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
10:35 - 11:05 am	<p>Biosecurity before the Australian border <i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Tina Hutchison, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Stuart Anderson, Biosecurity New Zealand</i> ■ <i>Sal Milici, Freight & Trade Alliance and the Australian Peak Shippers Association</i>
11:05 - 11:30 am	<p>Morning tea</p>
11:30 - 11:55 am	<p>FMD – a national response <i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Dr Brant Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Nathan Rhodes, Primary Industries and Regions South Australia</i> ■ <i>Justin Toohey, Australian Dairy Farmers</i>



Dr Chris Locke
NBC Co-chair, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group

Overseeing operational, policy and science aspects of biosecurity, as well as departmental compliance and enforcement matters.



Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith
Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer

Leading Australia's national responses to emergency plant pest and disease incursions.



Dr Mark Schipp
Australian Chief Veterinary Officer

Leading Australia's national responses to emergency animal disease incursions.



Dr Brant Smith
Acting First Assistant Secretary – Biosecurity Animal Division

Leading the development of the first National Lumpy Skin Disease Action Plan and broader foot-and-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease preparedness.



Dr Bertie Hennecke
Australian Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer

Providing policy leadership on national environmental biosecurity issues and safeguarding Australia's environment, Indigenous and cultural heritage, and associated social amenities.

Session 2: Integration supported by technology, research and data

11:55 am - 1:00 pm

Time	Session
11:55 am - 12:10 pm	Co-designing Australia's future-focused traceability system <i>Joanna Bunting, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
12:10 - 12:25 pm	Integrated digital biosecurity systems <i>Sarah Corcoran, Plant Health Australia</i>
12:25 - 1:00 pm	Technology and industry co-design <i>Panel discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Nicola Stokes, North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation</i> ■ <i>Dr Alejandro Trujillo-González, University of Canberra, National eDNA Reference Centre</i> ■ <i>Ley Osborne, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i> ■ <i>Dr Robert Clemens, Biosecurity Commons</i>
1:00 - 1:50 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 1:50 pm	Innovation showcase <i>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.</i>



Sarah Corcoran
Plant Health Australia

Bringing together expertise, knowledge and stakeholders to generate solutions that improve biosecurity outcomes.



Joanna Bunting

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Driving systemic uplift in agricultural traceability to support all stakeholders in preparing for the future challenges and opportunities in agricultural export trade.



Session 3: Stronger partnerships and a shared biosecurity culture

1:50 - 3:25 pm

Time	Session
1:50 - 2:05 pm	The National Biosecurity System: a collective vision for our future <i>Malcolm Letts, Biosecurity Queensland - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i>
2:05 - 2:35 pm	Changing behaviour and fostering a shared biosecurity culture <i>Panel discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <i>Kirsten Phillips, Biosecurity Queensland - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries</i>■ <i>Lyndal Reading, Agriculture Victoria – Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action</i>■ <i>Zarmeen Hassan, AUSVEG</i>■ <i>Gavin Singleton, Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation</i>
2:35 - 2:55 pm	A NZ perspective <i>Stuart Anderson, Biosecurity New Zealand</i>
2:55 - 3:25 pm	Strengthening and expanding networks with stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and international level <i>Panel discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <i>Sarah Corcoran, Plant Health Australia</i>■ <i>Kathleen Plowman, Animal Health Australia</i>■ <i>Lee Cale, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
3:25 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon tea



Malcolm Letts

Biosecurity Queensland

The next era for the National Biosecurity System.



Stuart Anderson

Biosecurity New Zealand

Protecting New Zealand from the impacts of harmful pests and diseases.

Session 4: Natural pathways and invasive species

3:45 - 4:45 pm

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3:45 - 4:15 pm	<p>Climate change impacts – how do we get ready for changes to natural pathways and invasive species distribution?</p> <p><i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <i>Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>■ <i>Professor Mark Howden, Australian National University</i>■ <i>Dr Darren Peck, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
4:15 - 4:45 pm	<p>Addressing the impacts of invasive species on biodiversity</p> <p><i>Panel discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <i>Shalan Scholfield, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>■ <i>Richard Swain, Invasive Species Council</i>■ <i>Dr John Virtue, JG Virtue Biosecurity Services Pty Ltd</i>



Wrap up

4:45 - 5:00 pm

Time	Session
4:45 - 4:55 pm	Secretary's address <i>Andrew Metcalfe, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</i>
4:55 - 5:00 pm	Wrap up <i>Richard Morecroft</i>
5:00 pm	Event close



Andrew Metcalfe

Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Working towards a more sustainable and prosperous Australia through biosecurity, production and trade.

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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