



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment



National Biosecurity Forum 2021

PROGRAM 10-11 NOVEMBER 2021

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.



Facilitator – Richard Morecroft,

Richard Morecroft is a well renowned and respected media figure, with a quarter-century experience in broadcasting and journalism. Richard also has over 20 years' experience training senior executives to help focus their media and presentation skills.

THE FORUM WILL BE RUN AS AN ONLINE EVENT ON 10 AND 11 NOVEMBER.

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 forum this year will focus on:

- taking a future focus—a national biosecurity strategy
- shared responsibility and partnerships
- preparedness.

DAY 1



9:30 – 9:50am

OPENING

Welcome
Facilitator – Richard Morecroft

Welcome to Country
Jude Barlow, Ngunnawal elder

Minister's address
The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

'Country is everything. It's family, it's life, it's connection'.

Jude Barlow,
Ngunnawal Elder.

9:50 – 11:05am

SESSION 1: TAKING A FUTURE FOCUS – A NATIONAL BIOSECURITY STRATEGY

Accelerating reform – Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 and the link to a national biosecurity strategy
Andrew Tongue PSM, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE

Alignment of collective efforts – a national biosecurity strategy
Malcolm Letts, Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland

PANEL DISCUSSION

Andrew Tongue
Malcolm Letts
Andy Sheppard, CSIRO

'A national strategy will align current and future efforts of key stakeholders, reinforcing our dedication to shared responsibility with a strong and transparent commitment to action.'

Andrew Tongue PSM, Deputy
Secretary, DAWE



DAY 1



11:05 – 12:20pm

SESSION 2: PREPAREDNESS – IS AUSTRALIA PREPARED FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL BIOSECURITY THREAT?

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

12:20 – 12:30pm

DAY 1 WRAP-UP

Andrew Tongue PSM, Deputy Secretary,
Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE

'Innovative approaches to data collection are helping us manage biosecurity threats at our Northern border.'



DAY 1

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 to support and promote Australia's biosecurity and the systems that uphold it.

The award categories include:

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

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SHINE A LIGHT ON OUR BIOSECURITY
CHAMPIONS TO RECOGNISE THE BUSINESSES
AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY
TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE AUSTRALIA’S
BIOSECURITY’**



AWARDS



3:00 – 4:15pm

WELCOME

Facilitator – Richard Morecroft

WELCOME VIDEO

The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

AUSTRALIAN BIOSSECURITY AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Andrew Tongue PSM, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE

CLOSING VIDEO

The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

AWARDS WRAP-UP

Facilitator – Richard Morecroft



DAY 2



9:30 – 9:50am

OPENING

Welcome and Day 1 review
Facilitator – Richard Morecroft

Secretary's address
Andrew Metcalfe AO, Secretary, Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment

'We are increasingly linked to the rest of the world through supply chains, oceans, air currents and technology. Our biosecurity system is integral to protecting Australia's landscape and economy.'

Andrew Metcalf AO,
Secretary, DAWE



9:50 – 11:05am

SESSION 3: SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

Community awareness of biosecurity and the need for a clear brand
Richard Keane, DAWE

The New Zealand experience – 'Ko Tātou This is us'
Tim Fraser, Manager of Partnerships and Engagement, 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

Richard Keane
Tim Fraser
Leanne Herrick
Joanne Elliot



DAY 2



11:05 – 12:20pm

SESSION 4: SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

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 Pirotta

Lisa Linssen



12:20 – 12:30pm

DAY 2 WRAP-UP

Andrew Tongue, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group, DAWE

Malcolm Letts, Deputy Director-General and Chief Biosecurity Officer,
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland

'New and emerging technologies are revolutionising how governments and industry operate. We will continue to explore and adopt these tools and ways of working... to help us mitigate biosecurity risks and improve system efficiency for the benefit of all.'

Commonwealth Biosecurity
2030

DAY 2

2021 AUSTRALIAN BIOSECURITY AWARDS Q&A



3:00 – 3:05pm

WELCOME

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3:05 – 3:55pm

AUSTRALIAN BIOSECURITY AWARDS Q&A

2021 winners

3:55 – 4:00pm

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