



August 2018—Steering Committee meeting

The Steering Committee for the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program – South East Queensland (the Program) met for the fifth time on 22 and 23 August 2018. This follows the inaugural meeting in July 2017 and subsequent meetings in November 2017, February 2018 and May 2018.

The Steering Committee has been established to provide overarching governance, strategic oversight and advice on the Program and consists of senior Commonwealth and interstate biosecurity representatives. The Steering Committee is independently chaired by Dr Wendy Craik.

The steering committee members are:

| Name | Position/Area |
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| Dr Wendy Craik | Independent Chair |
| Josephine Laduzco | Australian Government |
| Dr John Robertson | Queensland |
| Dr Bruce Christie | New South Wales |
| Michael Rosier | Victoria |
| Sarah Corcoran | Northern Territory |



Name

Position/Area

Dr Lloyd Klumpp

Tasmania

John van Schagen

Western Australia

A proxy attended for New South Wales on 22 August. Dr Craik participated by teleconference with Josephine Laduzko deputised as acting Chair on 23 August.

The Steering Committee took part in a workshop to consider risks and issues and provide direction to inform the Program's 2018-19 work plan upon reflection of infestation and treatment outcomes in 2017-18.

At its formal meeting on 23 August, the Steering Committee considered a number of matters crucial to the effective progress of the Program. The Committee:

- considered and provided input to the Committee and Program forward schedule of events, milestones and reporting cycles for the 2018-19 year.
- approved the terms of reference for the establishment of
 - a community collaborative group
 - an industry reference group
 - a science advisory group
 - a risk management sub-committee to the Steering Committee.
- considered and provided feedback on community and stakeholder engagement activities including the Community and Stakeholder Plan for 2018-19 and the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Solution (CaSES), an on-line customer relationship management system to improve customer service and enhance the Program's communication capacity.
- considered and provided feedback on the remote sensing surveillance project and the Program's compliance strategy and risk framework.
- noted an update on the Program's budget status to the end of financial year 2017-18.



The Steering Committee also met with Mr Ian Atkinson, CEO of the Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland, and Mr John McDonald, National Biosecurity Manager of the Nursery and Garden Industry Australia.

The Steering Committee will next meet in November 2018.

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