



Meeting 4, 9 December 2024

Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel

Chair's Note

Key updates

Today, I was pleased to host the fourth meeting of the Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel (the Panel).

At this meeting the department noted the publication of the refreshed DAFF Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap and the first annual Biosecurity Funding and Expenditure Report which provides greater transparency and accountability for how funding is spent in delivering biosecurity priorities.

The department provided an update on its current financial position in relation to biosecurity, and its current emergency response to the Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and preparedness for H5 avian influenza (bird flu).

The Panel discussed the department's initial views on biosecurity priorities for the 2025-26 financial year with reference to the DAFF Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap and the National Biosecurity Strategy. The Panel outlined challenges associated with settling these priorities without further contextual information regarding budget alignment. The department undertook to provide further insights to inform future guidance.

The Panel also discussed potential future biosecurity funding sources and how the department might further engage with members to improve its biosecurity financial reporting and better enable members to advise on future biosecurity funding priorities.

The department presented on its biosecurity operational capability including examples of innovation and modernisation which are helping protect Australia from current and future biosecurity threats.

These conversations informed the development of a 2025 work plan, which includes building the knowledge of panel members through a combination of field visits to departmental sites and a more detailed examination of biosecurity funding issues in the new year.

Attendees

The following Panel members attended the meeting:

- Animal Health Australia Industry Forum
- Australian Dairy Farmers
- Australian Forest Products Association
- Australian Fresh Produce Alliance
- Australian Grape and Wine
- Australian Pork Limited

- Cattle Australia
- Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
- Freight and Trade Alliance
- Grain Producers Australia
- GrainGrowers
- International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association
- Invasive Species Council
- Seafood Industry Australia
- Sheep Producers Australia
- WoolProducers Australia

I thank Panel members for their participation in this meeting and for their ongoing collaborative engagement and partnership in ensuring strengthened biosecurity outcomes for Australia.

Next meeting

The next Panel meeting will be held in **April 2025**.

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