

# Biosecurity Checklist:

A guideline for landholders & resource companies



## Prepare a property map that includes:

- The **location** of the home, pool, sheds, stockyards, fences, gates, access roads, dams, parking areas, clean down facilities and any other farm infrastructure.
- Known infestations** of declared and non-declared weeds and other priority biosecurity matter.
- Known risk areas** of high sensitivity to biosecurity threats, including productive parts of the property (where crops are grown), stockyards, grain or produce stores, water courses and animal quarantine areas.

## Prepare a farm biosecurity plan – *suggested inclusions:*

- The **identity and description** of declared and non-declared weed species, feral animals and other biosecurity matter found in each known infestation area.
- Existing biosecurity measures** and management controls for each known infestation and risk area.
- A **biosecurity risk assessment** for each known infestation and risk area which includes the risk of spread.
- Identification of animals entering your property** (including exotic and feral animals). Visit [www.farmbiosecurity.com.au](http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au) for information on feral animal management plans.
- Visitor and vehicle risk assessment and guidelines** for high risk visitors and vehicles, including interstate and international visitors.
- A **biosecurity induction** for people who will be operating on your property.
- A **gate register** for high risk properties to record who enters the property and their time of entry.
- Biosecurity signage** at all appropriate property access points. Download the Farm Biosecurity Program's '[gate sign](#)' template.
- Clean down requirements and a clean down area** for visitors to reduce the risk of vehicles and equipment spreading weed seed and diseases.
- A **soil erosion management strategy** including the management of dormant seeds and practices for disturbed soils and wet weather access.

- A **chemical usage record** that documents the location, date and withholding period of any chemicals used to control biosecurity matter on the property.
- Procedures for the **safe storage** of any chemicals, batteries and equipment on the property to prevent livestock exposure and residues in crops.
- Fenced off areas** that restrict livestock access and minimise the risk of livestock being exposed to chemicals, rubbish and food scraps.
- Rubbish removal** procedures to contain and manage rubbish, discarded materials and high risk food scraps on the property such as meat derived products.
- A **weed management strategy** that includes treatment methods used to prevent outbreaks before weed seeds reach maturity.
- Seasonal weed surveys** to establish a weed occurrence baseline\*.
- Rehabilitation procedures** for disturbed areas including methods, techniques, timing and ground covers to be used.
- Checks to ensure **incoming materials** such as gravel, sand, feed, fertiliser, mulch, hay, and pasture seed are certified as pest and weed free.

## Discuss arrangements and assign responsibilities:

- Work together** to ensure resource company activities are coordinated to minimise biosecurity risks on the property.
- Discuss the biosecurity plan** – clearly assign respective obligations and ensure it is referenced in the Conduct and Compensation Agreement (CCA).
- Agree who will be responsible** for treatment methods to control weeds around resource company infrastructure and access roads. Consider the duration of responsibility and timing of weed management methods.
- Set a clear **process for raising concerns** with the resource company to quickly address any breaches of the biosecurity plan.
- Hold regular meetings** to discuss and resolve any emerging biosecurity issues and review effectiveness of the biosecurity plan.



The Farm Check-In app ([www.daf.qld.gov.au/farmcheckin](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au/farmcheckin)) is a tool for visitors to help identify and understand their biosecurity risks, minimise the spread of pests and diseases and to assist meeting their general biosecurity obligation.

\* These surveys may not provide information on potential weeds that may be stored in the soils and emerge following soil disturbance.

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