

Biosecurity Checklist

for landholders &
resource companies



Prepare a property map that includes:

- The **location** of the home, pool, sheds, stock yards, fences, gates, access roads, dams and 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 stock yards and watercourses.

Prepare a farm biosecurity plan that includes:

- The **identity and description** of declared and non-declared weed species 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.
- Visitor guidelines** for high risk visitors to the property including interstate and overseas 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 time of entry.
- Biosecurity signage** at all property access points.
- Clean down procedures 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 to be used to prevent outbreaks before weed seeds are mature.
- Seasonal weed surveys** to establish a weed occurrence baseline.*
- Rehabilitation procedures** for disturbed areas including methods, techniques, timing and ground covers used.
- Checks to ensure **incoming materials** such as gravel and sand 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.
- Agree who will be responsible** for treatment methods to control weeds around resource 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.

**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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