

Australian Government Biosecurity and Agricultural Response Plan

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If an emergency animal disease is suspected or confirmed in Australia, DAFF will activate the **AUSBIOAGPLAN**. The Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (**AUSVETPLAN**) describes the nationally-agreed response approach—including immediate actions to be taken.



DAFF Secretary authorises the use of AUSBIOAGPLAN to manage an incident	DAFF Response Coordination Group provides strategic direction for the response	Incident Management Team manages DAFF operational response	Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Disease coordinates technical response, & advises National Management Group	National Management Group considers response plans & approves cost-sharing between Parties	National Coordination Mechanism facilitates coordination across jurisdictions & industry	Industry may participate in a range of functions / mechanisms
National Coordination Centre supports national consistency & handles international communications and relations	State Coordination Centre coordinates strategic planning & activities across a jurisdiction	Local Control Centre controls activities within a dedicated geographical area	Interstate Deployment Arrangements facilitate the sharing of human resources between agencies	National Biosecurity Response Team could be deployed to assist jurisdictions with response activities	International Animal Health Emergency Reserve provides access to human resources for participating countries	Nationally consistent communications coordinated through National Biosecurity Communication & Engagement Network

AUSVETPLAN describes Australia's proposed approach to managing an emergency animal disease incursion.

- Managed by Animal Health Australia
- Comprises a series of manuals and supporting documents
- Contains a response strategy for each of the diseases listed in the EADRA
- Developed collaboratively by governments and industries
- Undergoes continuous improvement

Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) covers the management and funding of a response for animal disease incidents.

- Legally binding arrangement
- Unique and innovative framework managed by Animal Health Australia
- 66 animal diseases across 4 categories
- 23 signatories including Animal Health Australia, governments and key industry bodies

Critical Incident Response Plan (CIRP) sets out DAFF's arrangements for managing an incident.

- Describes the Incident Management Team structure
- Job cards describe each role of the Incident Management Team
- Procedures explain how to undertake specific functions
- Contains checklists, forms and templates
- Currently under review to ensure the plan is modern and relevant

AUSBIOAGPLAN FAST FACTS

Describes coordination between Australian Government agencies during a response to biosecurity incidents	Derives authority from the Australian Government Crisis Management Framework	Outlines roles and duties of Ministers, Senior Officials, and relevant Australian Government agencies	Based on a 'ALL HAZARDS' approach	Recognises that state and territory governments have their own legislation and arrangements	Reviewed every three years unless deemed necessary beforehand	Three phases: STANDBY ALERT ACTIVE	Promotes early consideration of recovery	Scaled relative to need and managed at the lowest possible level
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