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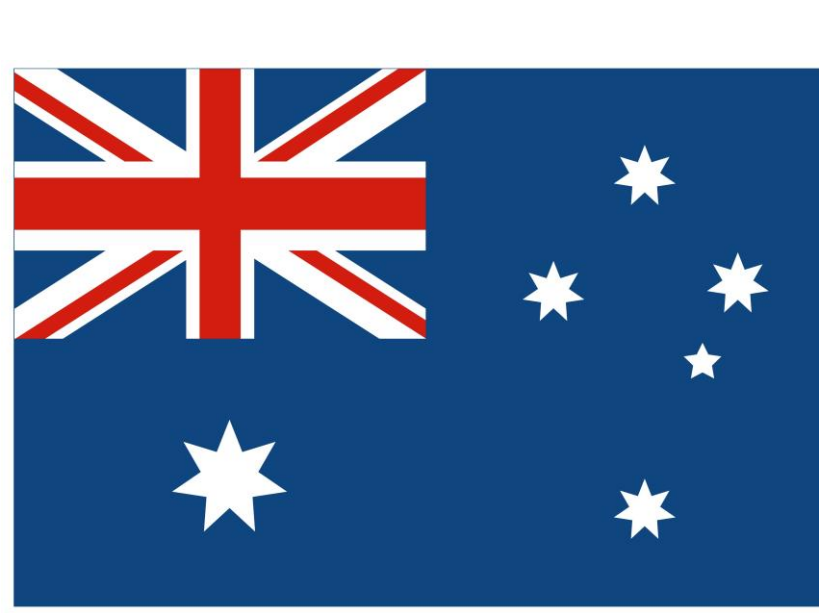
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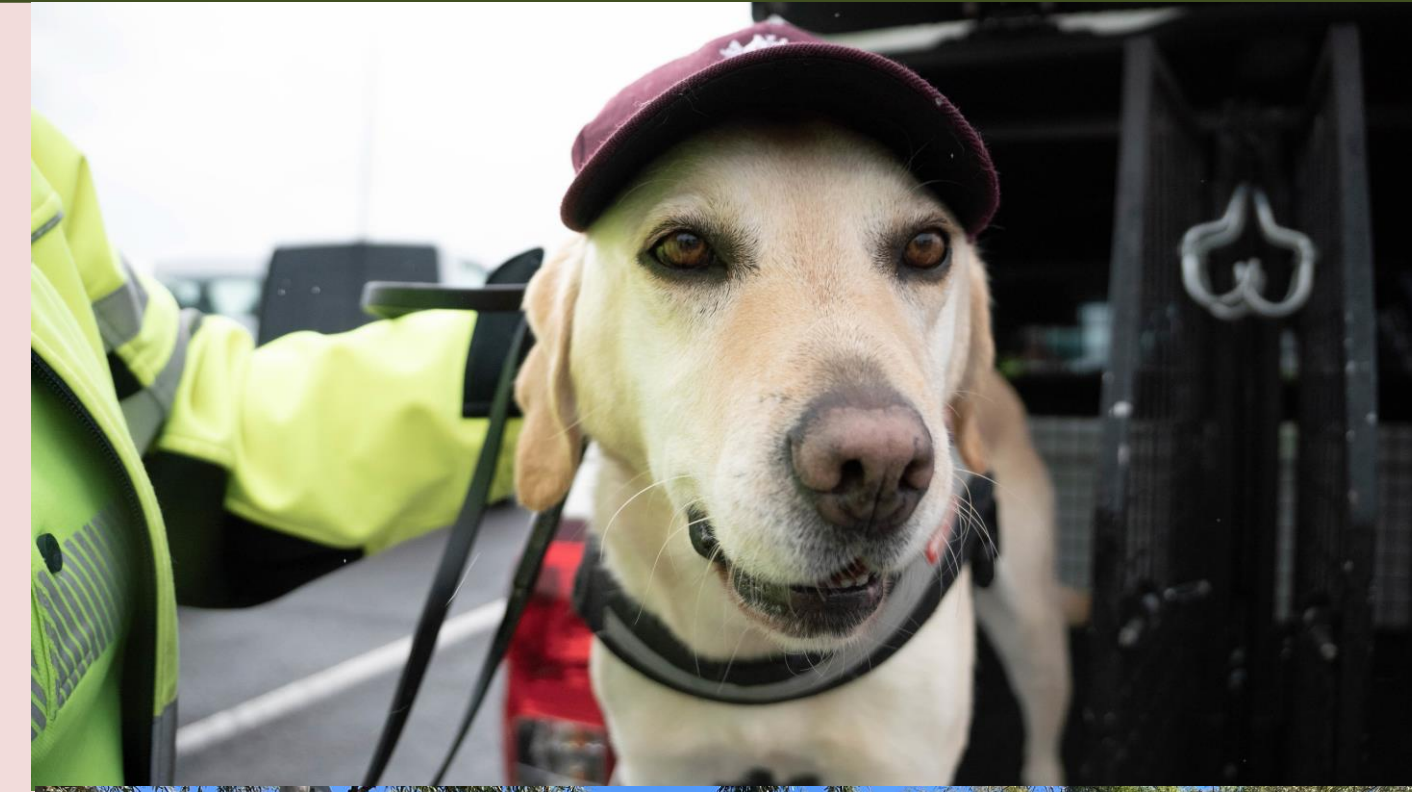


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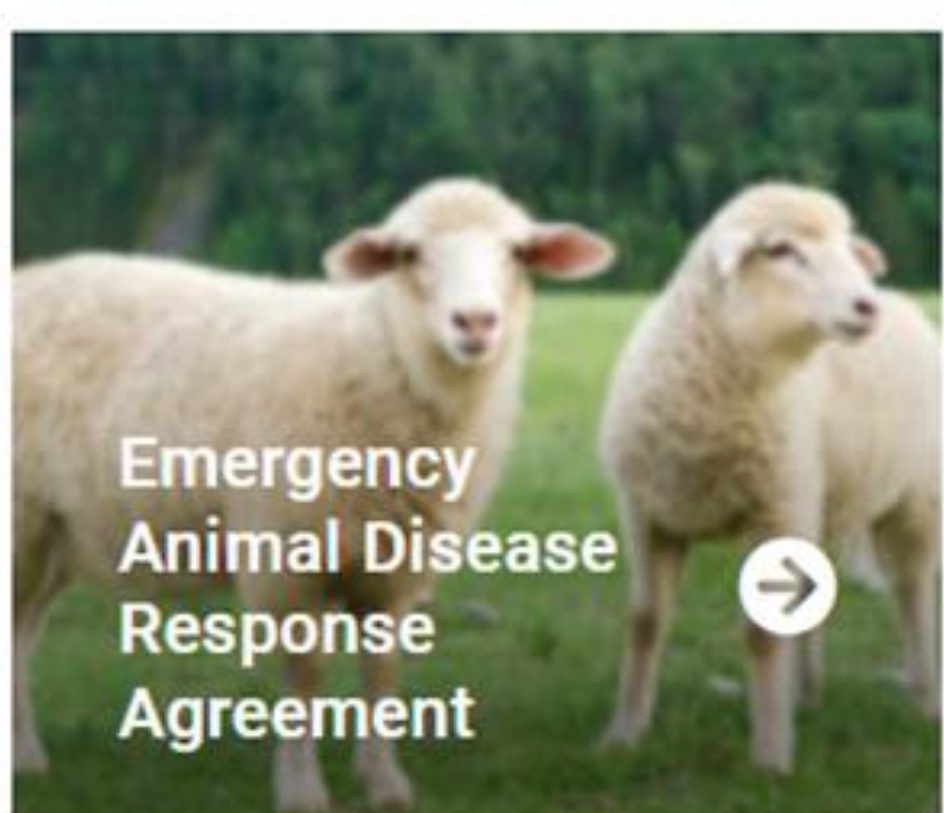
PREVENTION ACTIVITIES TO MAINTAIN FMD FREE STATUS

- Australia is free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)
- In 2023-24 we:
 - continued to strengthen biosecurity requirements for imported goods and mail at the border
 - maintained our upskilled detector dog fleet and continued deploying detector dogs at more international airports
 - increased animal surveillance activities in northern Australia
 - increased Australia's early detection and response capacity through encouraging veterinarians and animal health personnel to undertake emergency animal disease outbreak training
 - supported control of FMD in our region by:
 - assisting Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea to increase preparedness and response capacity
 - funding the CSIRO Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness to assist implementation of laboratory quality control and proficiency testing programs in Indonesia



- Australia has detailed, well-rehearsed response plans and arrangements in place. Governments and industry's preparedness is continuously reviewed and tested through simulation exercises.
- Australia's Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) documents set out the nationally agreed arrangements for the cost sharing of disease responses, including compensation for affected livestock enterprises.
- The Australian Veterinary Emergency Plan (AUSVETPLAN) contains the nationally-agreed approach for the response to emergency animal disease incidents in Australia.
- The AUSVETPLAN Disease Response Strategy for FMD details the government and industry's agreed approach to be taken if FMD occurred in Australia, including an assessment of the role of vaccination
 - Australia has an FMD vaccine bank so that vaccines are available for rapid use if there is an incursion

PREPAREDNESS & CONTINGENCY PLANNING



CONSTRAINTS & SOLUTIONS

- Sustainable funding
 - Solution: the 2023-24 Budget permanently increased biosecurity funding and invests an extra \$AUD1 billion over the next four years in our essential biosecurity services, with over \$AUD260 million in new funding per year, ongoing from 2027-28
- Veterinary workforce shortages
 - Solution: Australia is collaborating with key stakeholders including veterinary professionals, academic institutions, industry stakeholders, and policymakers to work towards a unified solution



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