

NATIONAL BIOSECURITY STATEMENT



Nature makes Australia unique – biosecurity keeps it that way.

Biosecurity protects Australian livelihoods and is vital to strengthening and supporting our environment and economy, including tourism, trade and agriculture. It underpins many aspects of our way of life.

Australia prides itself on its unique natural environment, high-quality produce and trusted international reputation. We Australians benefit from this and have a duty to protect our land and seas from the arrival of new pests, weeds and diseases.

We are also obliged to limit the damaging and costly impacts of the pests, weeds and diseases already here and to avoid adding to that burden.

Our biosecurity system works both at the border and here at home to prevent and respond to the arrival and spread of harmful pests and diseases that could disrupt much of what we love about this country.

Due to our clean and green reputation we are regarded as a responsible and reliable trading nation. Strong biosecurity measures help us to continue to grow safe and sought-after Australian produce for ourselves and the rest of the world.

The arrival and spread of damaging invasive species could have wide-ranging short- and long-term consequences for industry, land use and community needs.

A single incursion could harm human health and the environmental resources we all need and use—including water supply, soil and ecosystems.

Australia's national biosecurity system relies on partnerships between the Australian and state, territory and local governments, industry, environmental bodies, land managers and the broader public. This system is facing new challenges arising from a significant increase in global trade and travel.

Maintaining Australia's resilient and world-leading approach requires continuous research and innovation and a constant commitment to prevention and response.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Each one of us has a role to play in keeping Australia safe from harmful pests and diseases.

- If you see something unusual, report it.
- Know your legal responsibilities when travelling and moving goods.
- Recognise your role in promoting and raising awareness of biosecurity.

Everyone can share the vision of an effective and sustainable national biosecurity system. We should:

- strive for prevention and early action to ensure a very low risk of new harmful pests and diseases entering, establishing and spreading.
- minimise the impact of established pests and diseases on our environment, economy, industries and communities.
- maintain and grow domestic and international travel and trade access.
- protect and restore Australia's unique biodiversity, ecosystems, natural resources and landscapes.

We all share the risks. We all share the benefits. We must all share the responsibility of protecting our unique natural environment.



BIOSECURITY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

We all work together to achieve the vision of the National Biosecurity Statement.
This diagram shows your role in Australia's biosecurity system.

Federal regulatory functions

Managing matters relating to the movement of people and goods at the national border. Regulating biosecurity controls to facilitate trade and market access, and fulfilling international convention obligations, including monitoring and reporting pest and disease status and protecting biodiversity.

Domestic regulatory functions

Managing biosecurity within Australia's border. Includes undertaking enforcement actions, regulatory interventions, emergency responses and negotiating and facilitating domestic trade.

On the ground

Performing tasks for everyday management of biosecurity risks. Includes surveillance, complying with biosecurity obligations and managing pests, weeds and diseases. Contributing to the protection of the Australian environment and economy through practical biosecurity measures.

Leadership and coordination

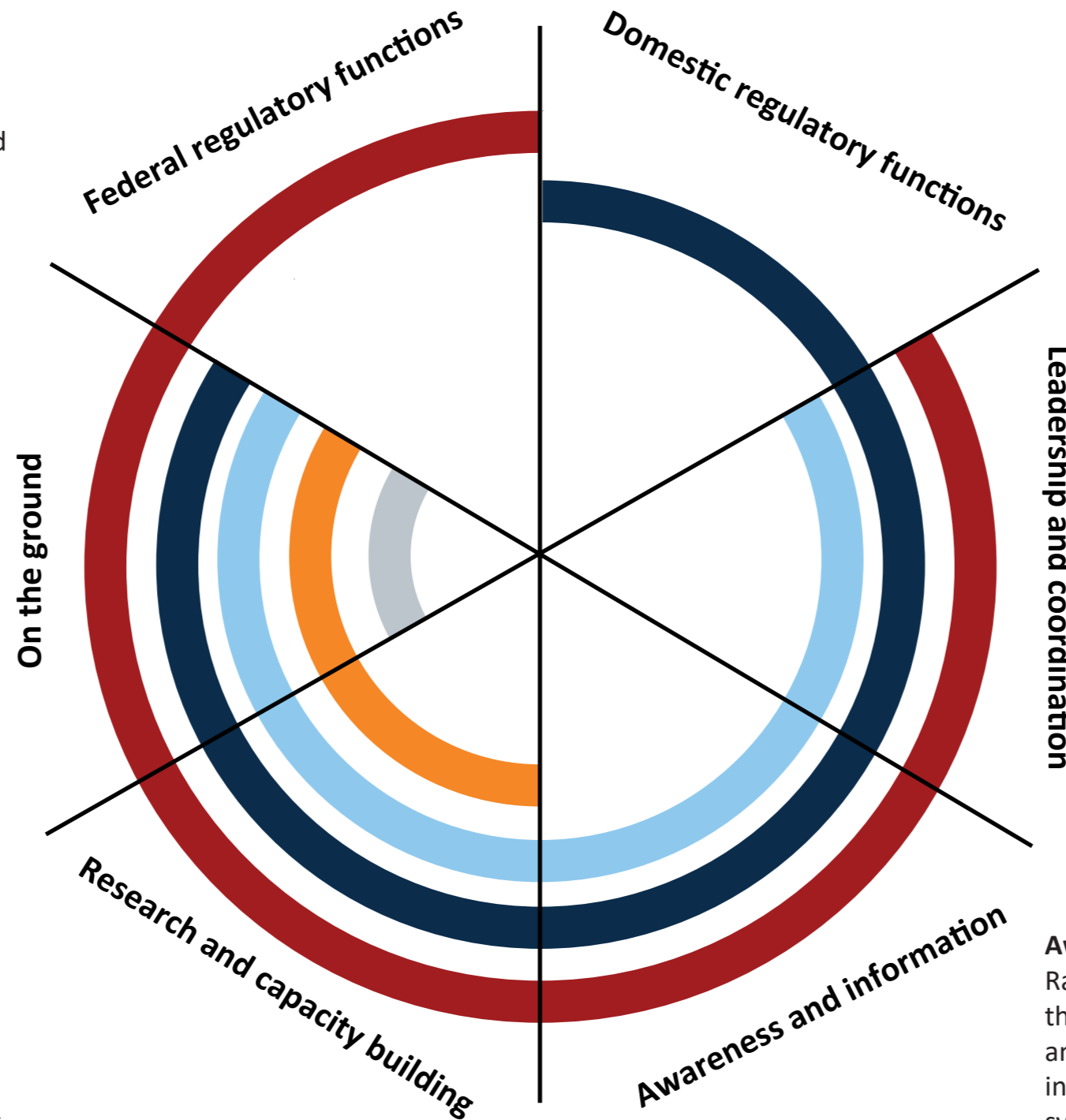
Providing leadership and coordination to proactively manage biosecurity risk reduction and analysis. Includes developing partnerships with biosecurity participants and fostering biosecurity awareness.

Research and capacity building

Maintaining capacity to prepare for, detect and respond to pests, weeds and diseases, and the management of those already established. Includes support for research and innovation to underpin Australia's science-based approach to biosecurity.

Awareness and information

Raising awareness and understanding of the biosecurity system and everyone's roles and responsibilities. Including publishing information about Australia's biosecurity system and responsibility for emergency response communications.



Primary Responsibilities	
● Australian government	● Representative bodies e.g. industry, environmental, natural resource management and community groups
● State and local government	● Research organisations
	● Individuals