


# Draft Biosecurity Bill

Robust biosecurity measures play an essential role in protecting our economy, environment and community from the impacts of pests and diseases.



## \$250 billion

The annual national benefits of biosecurity in protecting primary industries, infrastructure and companion animals.

### General Biosecurity Duty

The draft Biosecurity Bill aims to build a culture of shared responsibility. Central to this is that everyone has a 'general biosecurity duty'.

#### What is my duty?

You must:


- prevent
- eliminate
- minimise
- control
- manage



risks where you know there is a biosecurity risk

#### When do I have a duty?

If you deal with biosecurity matter or a carrier where reasonably practicable.



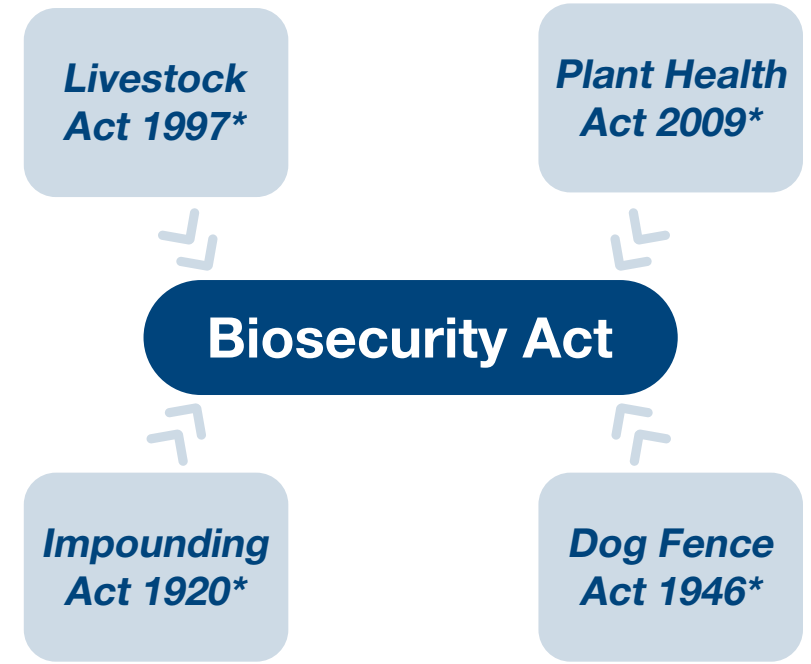
#### How do I know what to do?

By referring to:

- guidelines and advisory material
- codes of practice and industry standards
- specified biosecurity requirements.



### Consolidating legislation




\* These Acts will be repealed to create the Biosecurity Act. Specific provisions regarding aquatic pests in the **Fisheries Management Act 2007** are also proposed to be incorporated into the Biosecurity Bill.

### Key terms

#### Biosecurity matter

Biosecurity matter includes:


- any living thing, part of a living thing or product of a living thing (other than a person)
- a disease or contaminant
- a disease agent that can cause disease.



#### Biosecurity carrier

A carrier is:

- any thing (other than a person) that can have biosecurity matter on, attached to or contained within it
- includes things worn or carried by a person.



#### Biosecurity dealings

A dealing is a person's interaction with biosecurity matter and carriers.

Some dealings may be prohibited or regulated.



### Path to progress









Stakeholder consultation and engagement

### Responding to increasing risks nationally and globally

- Climate change** is enabling pests and diseases to invade new areas.
- Movement of more goods and people** through trade and tourism is increasing the risks of pest incursion and spread.
- E-commerce** is enabling greater volumes of trade, including illegal trade in declared pest species.
- Serious diseases** like foot and mouth disease, African swine fever and lumpy skin disease are spreading and getting closer to Australia.
- Increasing resistance** to agricultural and veterinary chemicals could limit our options to prevent and manage pests and diseases.

### Modern legislation for our changing world

The draft Biosecurity Bill will:

- Deliver a more **flexible and responsive** biosecurity system 
- Enhance **risk-based decision making** 
- Create consistency in how pests and diseases are managed in SA and nationally 
- Facilitate **market access** for our primary produce 
- Support **traceability** throughout the supply chain 
- Encourage **greater collaboration** between industry, community and government 

## Have your say



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