

FOR INFORMATION OR COMMENT

SWFSPP Annual Meeting 2023

Agenda Item 4.2

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Cattle Australia Verbal Update

Apologies for not being able to attend this meeting. Apologies also that our CA subject matter experts, Tracy and Markus, are also unavailable. As requested I have provided some points below for your information, which apply to biosecurity more broadly. Apologies in advance for the lateness and the lack of specific technical detail that you would more typically receive in this forum.

- Biosecurity continues to be a leading priority for the grass-fed cattle sector, as it does also for other livestock industries
- Good biosecurity practices are intrinsic to Australia's access to important export markets which underpin our prosperity
- CA supports increased investment in Biosecurity and a bolstering of Australia's biosecurity measures
- CA believes our biosecurity system will be challenged by more complex biosecurity threats, carried by airborne vectors such as LSD, over the coming decade
- CA has championed improved agility and real-time consultation for biosecurity systems, and has recently called for a review of the NAMP with a view to including surveillance for threats such as LSD vectors
- CA, via RMAC, has also recently called for improved alignment of our disease response planing and our international trade arrangements, to ensure that our response plans are consistent with our trade obligations
- Cattle Australia is supportive of innovation that allows for better coordination and resourcing of biosecurity measures such as, but not limited to, the Screw worm fly program
- CA looks forward to the next meeting of this steering committee and our improved availability for these meetings into the future.