

FOR INFORMATION

NAHIP Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Oct 2025

Agenda Item ____

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NAHIP STATE COORDINATOR REPORT, TASMANIA**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NAHIS Advisory Committee NOTE the feedback and information provided by Tasmania in this report.

BACKGROUND

2. Tasmania continues to report quarterly data via the standard NAHIP reports, as per program requirements.
3. Jennifer Voss has moved into the role of NAHIP and NSDIP coordinator, starting November of 2024. It is expected that J. Voss will remain in this role. Currently, there is no designated state proxy for this role, however it is likely that the previous coordinator, E. Watkins, remains a valuable contact for data requests during any absence of J. Voss.
4. The manual system of NAHIS data collation and cleaning is somewhat improved with the use of a data cleaning script, but the task remains moderately time-consuming and semi-arduous.
5. Tasmania is in the early design stages of a general animal disease surveillance system, which may assist in providing efficient data outputs and improve animal health analysis.
6. Tasmania will be trialling the use of ORBIT (commonly known as MAX) to house and collate all avian health investigations, as a method to trial the production of data analyses, outputs and API linkages between Labware (lab results repository), ListMap (TSS spatial references) and ORBIT (intended migration of case management).

DISCUSSION

7. a.) Tasmania is a small team, made up of predominately part-time employees; staffing resources remain a challenge. Tasmania is in the early design stages of a general animal disease surveillance system, to be housed in ORBIT, applicable for all species terrestrial and aquatic. The objective for this system is to assist in providing outputs suitable for national reporting including NAHIP, as well as streamline state animal health surveillance and case management. This system is expected to begin development in 2026. Tasmania will also be trialling the use of ORBIT (commonly known as MAX) to house and collate all avian health investigations, as a method to trial the production of data analyses, outputs and API linkages between Labware, ListMap and ORBIT. This work is in effort to improve the efficiency and accuracy for NAHIP reporting. This procedure is expected to be implemented prior to December 2025, upon completion of user training for key staff.
b.) Tasmania will be providing an article for the AHSQ Q3, however Tasmania apologises for missing the deadline of 16/10/2025 and aims to provide the article by COB on 23/10/25.
c.) Tasmania has not observed any significant terrestrial animal health trends from July 2024-June 2025. Screening for LPAI and HPAI remains high, as public awareness of bird flu is heightened. Further, reports of fishkills also remains heightened with public awareness of harmful algae blooms and a farmed fish mortality event that occurred in early 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. National NAHIS funding is greatly appreciated and provides essential support underpinning Tasmania's capacity to deliver state-level surveillance systems to support national reporting.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

9. Not applicable

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

10. The implementation of ORBIT as a case management system for GAD in 2025, as it pertains to avian cases, will serve as a valuable test for developing a GAD system in 2026. The objective remains to improve animal health surveillance and outputs for national data reporting.

Attachment A: Not applicable

FEEDBACK

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NAHIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The current NAHIS spreadsheets are well explained and increasingly understood.				

Q2 My organisation is satisfied that the outputs of NAHIP, such as the Animal Health in Australia report are Animal Health Surveillance Quarterly, are credible and robust.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Tasmania is satisfied with the current outputs.				

Q3 The format and protocols in place for uploading and transferring national surveillance data are fit for purpose.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Tasmania is satisfied with the current format and protocols.				

Q4 NAHIP satisfies national surveillance data and reporting requirements. (Please outline any requirements not being met).				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree

NAHIS data satisfies current routine national surveillance and reporting requirements. It is hoped that developments for state general animal disease surveillance systems will lead to easier, more timely, reporting for national requirements.