

FOR INFORMATION

NAHIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2026

Agenda Item 4.1

Last updated: **14 May 2026**Prepared by *J Schröder***AHA Industry Forum Extensive industry report****RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NAHIP Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. At a local (individual enterprise, LGA) biosecurity level, producers' surveillance and reporting needs are for timeous information on disease occurrence in their vicinity. Industry acknowledges that this is beyond the NAHIP's remit.
 - b. The extensive industries acknowledge the time constraints in providing disease surveillance reports and commend AHA for the quality of the AHSQ and the AHIA publications.

DISCUSSION

2. The NAHIP provides a rear-view mirror account of recent disease events, the express goal of which "is to support Australia's market access" (NAHIP Business Plan 2025-28 Version 1.0, Item 2.1).
3. A goal which is not expressed, and achieved to a limited extent, is the use of the NAHIS in analysing epidemiological trends and in future planning for disease prevention and control. Both these goals are beyond the scope of immediate producer engagement.
4. Included in the third objective of the NAHIP Business Plan (Item 2.2.3) is potential enhancement of the NAHIS.
5. One factor which undermines the efficiency of the NAHIP is the lack of national consistency in jurisdictional data capture and management. As an example, the adopting one LIMS for all jurisdictions could be one improvement in process efficiency.
6. NAHIS data represent an invaluable resource for planning and research purposes. Although one of the NAHIP outputs is data access "through a web application" (Item 2.3.1), this access is severely restricted and probably reflected in the small number of requests granted each year. The web address provided in Item 4.2 is inoperative (nahis.animalhealthaustralia.com.au). Access to these data needs to be facilitated to improve the return on a substantial investment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Improvements in efficiency imply cost savings if outputs are maintained but input costs are reduced. National, cross-jurisdictional, adoption of one LIMS can achieve this.
8. Increasing numbers of data access requests may require resources for database searches and reporting. The additional cost will have to be planned for and can be minimised if an efficient search procedure was in place.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

9. The Industry Forum extensive industries will maintain its observer status in the AC and aim to provide constructive input where appropriate.