

# MEETING REPORT

## African Swine Fever Stakeholder Teleconference

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Item #	Item Name	Discussion summary	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	<b>Introduction (APL CEO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APL is seeking to clarify EADRA compensation, with the current AUSVETPLAN Pig compensation manual under review. APL has requested AHA that this be reviewed as a priority.</li> <li>- ASF AUSVETPLAN is also under review and APL has requested AHA escalate this as a priority.</li> <li>- APL has established an ASF Industry committee (pig veterinarians and processors) and will work directly with the CVO task group to address preparedness for an ASF incursion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APL has established an ASF Industry committee (vets, processors and state department representatives) to address ASF gaps.</li> <li>- APL has appointed a temporary full-time ASF coordinator.</li> <li>- APL will convene weekly ASF teleconference updates.</li> </ul>
2	<b>Biosecurity at the border</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Narelle Clegg and Dean Merrilees from the federal Department of Agriculture, provided an update on measures at the border to prevent an ASF incursion.</li> <li>- There is increased biosecurity messaging at airports.</li> <li>- Compliance is extremely high (88%) with increased scrutiny of passengers and parcels arriving from ASF affected countries.</li> <li>- Department of Agriculture and CVOs have discussed increasing the sharing of information between jurisdictions, working better with industry and peri-urban farmers and providing information about swill feeding in languages other than English.</li> <li>- A Biosecurity Roundtable meeting held in Canberra on 6 September 2019 discussed ASF gaps and opportunities, outcomes from this meeting will be shared.</li> <li>- Failure to declare items of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All stakeholders to re-emphasise the ban on swill-feeding during any public communications.</li> <li>- All messaging to re-emphasise compliance by producers/processors to ensure good biosecurity practice.</li> <li>- Department of Agriculture to make the minutes from the National Biosecurity Roundtable meeting available on their website.</li> <li>- Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Disease (CCEAD) activity being planned for late November 2019.</li> </ul>

		<p>biosecurity interest have seen fines increased, however there are still limited prosecutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased import protocols around feed ingredients eg. palm kernel extracts are based on the importing country requirements.</li> <li>- Strengthened screening in Darwin for flights arriving from Timor Leste.</li> <li>- Department of Agriculture has updated briefings to inspection staff, undertaken communications with international students and universities and working with Attorney General's office to increase penalties for failure to declare.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Domestic Preparedness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passengers and food waste from cargo ships and cruise liners were identified as a potential risk.</li> <li>- Opportunity to improve and strengthen biosecurity awareness and practices at domestic airports receiving international travellers.</li> <li>- Need for increased feral pig management, particularly high risk contact between domestic and feral populations and high risk areas for swill such as unfenced waste management facilities and tips.</li> <li>- Need to promote increased messaging and communications around swill feeding, with partners and jurisdictions working together.</li> <li>- Truck washing facilities and locality needs to be reviewed.</li> <li>- Understand and minimise the risks around agricultural shows and people contact and potential spread.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Department of Agriculture to provide an update on biosecurity protocols around commercial vessels entering Australia.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Chief Veterinary officers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Michelle Rodan from WA Department Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), provided a high level update on measures from the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) to prevent an ASF incursion at the state level.</li> <li>- CVOs met with Animal Health Committee last week and discussed ASF at length.</li> <li>- There is a need for communications on EADRA, to clarify how cost sharing works.</li> <li>- National Biosecurity Communication Network – targeting small holders and farm stays (in different languages) with a focus on swill feeding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CVOs have established an ASF task group that met for the first time this week.</li> <li>- The Industry ASF Committee to meet with CVO task sub-group to work through consistency around communication and messaging.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compartmentalisation and zoning will likely be between east-coast and west-coast.</li> <li>- There is a feral pig working group, that involves CVO's, however they have not landed on a pig management plan pre/post an ASF outbreak.</li> <li>- WA ran an ASF preparedness exercise in April 2019 to identify key issues and address destruction, disposal and decontamination.</li> <li>- Dr Rodan met with Linley Valley processors this week to discuss options in the event of an outbreak, pre-approved disposal sites were discussed and possible mass destruction and on-site disposal options.</li> <li>- Management of outdoor farms was also raised.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Next Call</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The next teleconference will be held on Friday 18 October at 10am. Details will be circulated in due course.</li> </ul>	