Biosecurity Reference Group: meeting summary

# Meeting 3, Monday 15 August 2022

The Biosecurity Reference Group (BRG) met on Monday 15 August 2022 via video conference.

The Chair, Katherine Clift, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the

members attended the meeting and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

## Biosecurity Strategy development

The BRG heard presentations from Landcare Victoria, the Victorian Rabbit Action Network and from the veterinary sector. Representatives from those areas presented case studies of industry- and community-led biosecurity action. The BRG were asked to consider the learnings and key themes from the case studies that could be applied to devising a strategy outline. The importance of relationship building and co-design were noted, along with the strength in tapping into citizen networks to support surveillance.

The BRG noted that Agriculture Victoria will shortly be commencing a broader consultation process across industry, community and government organisations in developing the Biosecurity Strategy.

## Biosecurity Roundtable

The BRG were invited to facilitate some of the break-out group sessions being held at Victoria’s Biosecurity Roundtable being held from 12-13 September 2022. Members noted that the two-day event will focus on how industry and government can work together to raise awareness of biosecurity threats and look at preparedness as a collective group.

The BRG noted that the Biosecurity Roundtable hosted by Agriculture Victoria will have keynote speakers who will be presenting on a range of biosecurity issues, including biosecurity legislative reform and emergency preparedness.

## Next meeting

The Biosecurity Reference Group will meet again mid November 2022.