Biosecurity Reference Group: meeting summary

# Meeting 5, TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2023

The Biosecurity Reference Group (BRG) met on Tuesday 14 March 2023 via Zoom.

The Chair, Dr 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

Consultants Nous Group gave the BRG a summary of the feedback received from the Biosecurity Strategy workshops, which were held across Victoria and online in February and March. The workshops were held to understand different perspectives on how well biosecurity is managed and to identify ways to improve the system. The BRG were advised that the next piece of engagement will involve a deeper dive to look at the strategic goals and priorities of the Strategy and that public consultation on the final draft Strategy will follow.

Acting Director of Biosecurity Strategy Dr Louise Clery, along with BRG member and Professor at the University of Melbourne Tom Kompas spoke about a collaborative project currently underway that will assist to clarify the term “shared resonsibility” and analyse what returns would arise if funds were invested in this initiative. The BRG noted that this project will provide good evaluation methodology to establish whether investment is worthwhile.

The BRG were also informed that they will be invited to undertake a self assessment survey that will inform recommendations around changes to the members’ terms of appointment, roles and responsibilities and the overall scope of the BRG. Findings from the survey will be discussed at the next meeting.

## Next meeting

The next meeting of the Biosecurity Reference Group will be held on 3 May 2023.