

Quarantine and Biosecurity Review

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Call for submissions to the Quarantine and Biosecurity Review

Farmers, conservationists, food importers and exporters, transport operators, governments and government agencies are among the many stakeholders being asked to help shape Australia's future quarantine and biosecurity arrangements.

The independent review of Australia's quarantine and biosecurity arrangements, announced in February by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Tony Burke, is now receiving submissions from affected and interested parties.

Mr Roger Beale AO, Chair of the Review Panel, said "We are going to consult widely to seek advice, and the full range of views from interested parties.

"We have also released an Issues Paper, which we hope will provide guidance for people in preparing their input to the review. The paper can be downloaded from www.quarantinebiosecurityreview.gov.au."

The Issues Paper poses some specific questions which particularly interest the review panel.

"The paper will highlight a number of issues to spark discussion, but obviously, interested parties should not feel constrained by the identified topics and we welcome stakeholders drawing any relevant matters to our attention," Mr Beale said.

Stakeholders have until **Friday 11 April 2008** to prepare their submissions. Details on how to make a submission are available from the Quarantine and Biosecurity Review's website.

Following the formal submission period, the Panel will travel to each state and territory to conduct focussed forums in an effort to hear stakeholder views.

Mr Beale is joined on the Panel by Dr Jeff Fairbrother AM, Mr Andrew Inglis AM and Mr David Trebeck.

The Panel is due to deliver its report and recommendations to Minister Burke by 31 July 2008.

Further information on the review can be found at the Review Secretariat's website:

www.quarantinebiosecurityreview.gov.au

The Review Secretariat can also be contacted directly on quarantinebiosecurityreview@daff.gov.au or 1800 196 192

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