

# Biosecurity Regulations Development Update

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## Regulatory Impact Statement

Finalisation of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the new regulations continues to be a primary focus this month. The public release of the RIS is proposed for early October and will reflect the results of extensive engagement, particularly with numerous industry bodies.

The RIS will focus on current regulatory provisions under which viable regulatory or non-regulatory approaches could be used to meet biosecurity objectives. For example, the management of cattle ticks.

Discussions with industry have helped refine proposed options, and shaped the future regulatory landscape for banana pest management, mango pest management, cattle tick management, sugar cane and apiary management. The options have been developed to reduce burdens to stakeholders by taking advantage of new tools in the legislation for containing and managing risk. Wider feedback will be sought when the RIS is released.

Several documents will be released alongside the RIS to facilitate informed feedback. Background papers will be prepared for those wishing to consider more in-depth information on which to base their responses. Also data from the Pest Risk Analyses will be made available on [www.daff.qld.gov.au](http://www.daff.qld.gov.au).

It is anticipated that consultation will primarily take place through peak bodies, local government and DAFF regional offices, although individuals will be encouraged to register to receive regular updates below. We would welcome further suggestions around consultation.

If you want more information about the RIS process, or would like to receive a RIS when it is released, send your questions and comments to [BiosecurityAct@daff.qld.gov.au](mailto:BiosecurityAct@daff.qld.gov.au)

## Implementation Update

An extensive body of work needs to be undertaken to develop the full suite of regulatory instruments, policies and arrangements that will support the new Act. This work must be completed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2016 as the Act will automatically commence on that day if it has not commenced already before. However, the aim is to have this work completed so the Act can commence at the end of 2015.

## Education and Training

A seamless transition to the new Act can only be achieved if staff and critical stakeholders, especially local government, are provided with the necessary capabilities and knowledge to administer the new legislation, including having the appropriate training and support.

The tender for the Education and Training package for government employees, local government and peak bodies closed on 9 July and is currently being evaluated.



## Further Information

You can register to receive updates about the Biosecurity Act [here](#)

You can read the *Biosecurity Act 2014* at  
<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/ACTS/2014/14AC007.pdf>

Further information on the *Biosecurity Act 2014* can be obtained at  
<http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/biosecurity/about-biosecurity>

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