



# Inspector-General of Biosecurity Strategy 2022-2025



## Our Vision

A better biosecurity system.

- We support and enable continuous improvement of the biosecurity system.



## Our Purpose

The Inspector-General of Biosecurity's purpose is set out in the *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act).

- We provide assurance over Australia's preventative biosecurity risk management systems through independent reviews of the performance of functions and exercise of powers by biosecurity officials of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the department).



## Independence

The Inspector-General is independent of the Director of Biosecurity, the Minister of Agriculture and biosecurity officials in the department.



## Our Values

- Consultation
- Integrity
- Respect
- Excellence



## Focus Areas

Under the provisions of the Act, the Inspector-General's scope extends to all areas of the biosecurity system within the remit of the department.

- Preventative biosecurity arrangements and actions pre-border (offshore) at the border, and peri-border
- Inspector-General reviews assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the department's biosecurity risk management systems, including regulatory, policy and operational decision-making, strategy, governance and accountability, operations management, infrastructure, information management systems, prevention and response functions, assurance and verification activities, and staff capability and capacity.



## Strategic Outcomes

- An adaptive biosecurity system through continuous improvements supported by high-quality, independent reviews
- Biosecurity stakeholders are well informed of the role of the Inspector-General and the scope of reviews under the provisions of the Act
- Confidence and trust of biosecurity stakeholders in the quality and scrutiny of independent reviews
- Fresh insights through alternative perspectives offered in independent reviews
- Biosecurity stakeholders embrace the opportunities arising from the insights gained through independent analysis and assessment.



## Goals

- Conduct systems' reviews in accordance with the provisions under the Act
- Develop an annual review workplan for publication on the Inspector-General's website as set out in the Biosecurity Regulations 2016
- Consult with the Director of Biosecurity and the Minister of Agriculture regarding the review work program
- Inform the Minister of the outcomes of independent reviews
- Assess evidence and communicate evidence-based assessments in high-quality review reports that instil confidence and trust of biosecurity stakeholders, internal and external to the department
- Make actionable recommendations on improvements to the effectiveness and efficiency of preventative biosecurity arrangements within the remit of the department
- Apply a consultative approach in conducting independent reviews of the department's biosecurity arrangements
- Engage effectively with biosecurity stakeholders and senior biosecurity executives to influence and improve biosecurity outcomes
- Elicit and consider the views of biosecurity stakeholders external to the department.
- Minimise disruption to the performance of functions of officers during a review.