

# Ag Biosecurity & Emergency Response Project

## Key dates

### November 2019

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

### February 2020

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

### June 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

*\* Please check website for updates*

## Help define the skills standards for upholding agricultural biosecurity measures.

Strong biosecurity measures are the backbone of Australia's reputation for high quality produce.

If you work in agricultural biosecurity or emergency response, your expertise is needed to define the skills and knowledge requirements of your job activities. You're invited to provide feedback on current work practices, so that they can be captured in industry-led units of competency, skill sets and qualifications.

### Why is this project happening?

Australia is one of the few countries to remain almost free from the world's most severe pests, weeds and diseases. Keeping it this way requires strong biosecurity measures at every stage of production, from purchasing through to growing, transport and sales.

While different sectors face specific biosecurity challenges (such as cane toad in Kakadu, Myrtle Rust in bushland areas, swine flu in pigs), there is overlap in the ways in which these outbreaks can be prevented. This has been taken into consideration in the review of current skills standards in biosecurity and emergency response, which are being updated to support flexible career paths and provide an integrated approach to skills needs across the supply chain.

*The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee is overseeing this project, as part of their responsibility to support engagement with the sector, and to ensure the project meets industry stakeholder needs.*

## Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for these sectors?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards for job roles in ag biosecurity and emergency response, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

### Visit [skillsimpact.com.au](https://skillsimpact.com.au) to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project managers, Cathy or Will, on 03 9321 3526.

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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