

List of Recommendations

Current Report

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that, as part of the process of developing the new Biosecurity Bill, the Government review the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) appeals process, the role of the Eminent Scientists Group (ESG) and the publication of scientific (and other) materials used by the ESG in making determinations.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Government give higher priority to funding and implementation of the Beale Review reforms.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Senate refer the exposure draft (and the consultation regulation impact statement) in relation to the new Biosecurity Bill to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report.

Interim Report

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that DAFF develop and maintain a comprehensive database (which includes current email addresses) and provides the means of contacting all relevant stakeholders.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that DAFF review its current consultation model, with a view to developing a more flexible, more inclusive model that can be used into the future.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that DAFF investigate and report to the committee on the feasibility of the proposal put forward by Mr Greg Darwell to reduce the costs associated with multiple certifications for small air freight consignments. The investigation should define the eligibility criteria for 'small air freight consignments' and include a cost analysis for each of the Ministerial Task Forces to ensure equitable treatment across commodity groups.

Recommendation 4

The committee recommends that the 40 per cent rebate for AQIS export certification functions remain in place, and fee increases not be passed on, until negotiations with all industry sectors have been finalised and consultations with individual businesses have taken place.

Recommendation 5

The committee recommends that DAFF explore the possibility of developing a mechanism whereby stakeholders can submit suggestions or complaints confidentially or anonymously.