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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: National Biosecurity Strategy Consultation Draft

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) is the peak national body representing all dairy farmers through its six State dairy farmer member organisations and individual membership category, and advocates on behalf of the members to government and stakeholders for the benefit of all dairy farmers.

In responding to National Biosecurity Committee's call for responses to its *National Biosecurity Strategy Consultation Draft*, ADF:

1. supports the proposed six priority areas of
 - shared biosecurity culture
 - highly skilled workforce
 - sustainable investment
 - stronger partnerships
 - coordinated preparedness and response, and
 - integration supported by technology, research and data;
2. considers 'sustainable investment' and 'stronger partnerships' combined as the bedrock upon which the remaining priorities should be delivered;
3. posts its willingness to be involved in any number of discussions necessary to see this Strategy fully populated with detailed activities for meeting all priorities and actions; and
4. will contribute where possible and necessary to ensure industry plays its part in making Australia's biosecurity system unsurpassed internationally and equipped to maximise Australia's protection against unwanted pests, weeds and diseases.

ADF participated in the drafting and finalisation of the submission from Animal Health Australia's Industry Forum. As such, and as a means of avoiding duplication, ADF endorses Industry Forum's response.

In reference to the Industry Forum submission, ADF is particularly supportive of the *National Biosecurity Strategy* containing some elements around endemic diseases, pests and weeds, specifically to the extent that they assist in informing the national effort against the incursion of unwanted species and towards Australia's capacity to deal with incursions when they occur.

Yours faithfully



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