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**Re: Biosecurity Amendment (Advanced Compliance Measures) Bill 2023**

Dear Committee Secretary,

On behalf of Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd, the peak body representing Australian dairy farmers, we would like to express our support for the *Biosecurity Amendment (Advanced Compliance Measures) Bill 2023*.

In our submission to your *Inquiry into the adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness* we said that significant reforms were required for Australia to continue to have a world class biosecurity system. Since this submission was made in August 2022 the Australian Government has responded by increasing biosecurity funding and creating a Biosecurity Strategy and Reform Division in the Department of Agriculture to drive continuous improvement, evidence-based policy advice and the new *National Biosecurity Strategy*.

This Bill, which strengthens biosecurity compliance, continues to implement our submission. The substantial increase in penalties in Schedule 3 and the strict liability offences in Schedule 4 will enhance deterrence and provide additional revenue for the biosecurity system. Biosecurity is a shared responsibility, which means all beneficiaries and risk creators should bear the cost of maintaining the system. This applies particularly to those contravening Australia's biosecurity laws.

It is our submission that the committee recommend passage of this Bill to the Senate.

Yours sincerely,



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