

Role Description

General information

Title:	Senior Animal Health Adviser			Classification:	PO2	
Division:	Biosecurity SA	Branch:	Animal Health		Business Unit:	Animal Health
Type of Appointment:	Term contract	Hours of Duty:	37.5 hours per week	Location:	South East SA	

Purpose

The primary purpose of the role is to promote good farm biosecurity practices, including providing input into the delivery of policy and processes for producer participation in animal health quality assurance systems and its contribution to disease surveillance, prevention and control.

The role contributes to delivering the agency's [priorities](#) including providing a system for animal disease early warning and early detection of exotic diseases; developing programs for data collection to allow monitoring of animal health status and proof of disease freedom; and to maintain capacity for emergency animal disease management.

The role is responsible for delivering Animal health services for managing biosecurity risks associated with farming practices and informed buying/selling practices through disclosure of status, to ensure that South Australian livestock are the preferred choice both in Australian and international markets.

Key Accountabilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate and raise the standard of management and husbandry of primary producers and agribusiness personnel. Provide technical information to primary producers, industry, agribusiness and government agencies Actively seek to detect notifiable disease within the livestock populations of the state and where appropriate enforce regulatory control measures. Participate in Emergency Animal Disease training and preparedness Develop and maintain relationships with key stakeholders. Report any sensitive political issues through line management to the Chief Veterinary Office or their delegate. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement individual-property control and eradication programs and apply quarantines or restrictions as necessary. |
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Key Deliverables / Results

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage district operational activities for the industry funded disease control program of NLIS, Footrot and the Ovine Johne's Disease and Lice management programs. Enhancement, maintenance and development of domestic and overseas markets by ensuring compliance with regulations and increasing the awareness of producers to the animal health issues affecting the markets. Facilitate the adoption of biosecure farm practices for livestock to assist industry with detection and prevent establishment of exotic diseases. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with local Emergency Services and livestock producers within the district with the view to respond to any emergency or adverse events which arise and may involve livestock, including bushfires and truck rollovers Facilitate the adoption of animal health knowledge by providing relevant services to educate and inform primary producers, preparing media releases, writing reports and publications. Mentors and provides 'on the ground' training to PO1 animal health advisers. |
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Relationships

Role reports to the Regional Team Leader and functions as part of a state-wide team delivering animal health services.

Works closely with industry, stakeholders and other government organisations.

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Requirements

- Possession of a current driver's licence and willingness to drive
- Out of hours work and inter / intrastate travel may be required
- You acknowledge your [work, health and safety obligations](#) and [our expectations](#)
- The role is located at Struan but the incumbent may be required to relocate anywhere in the State.
- As authorised officers under the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, and in accordance with PIRSA Emergency Response Plans, staff will on occasion be required to euthanize livestock on humanitarian grounds using firearms or captive bolt guns. These circumstances may include emergency animal disease outbreak, vehicle incidents such as truck rollovers, and natural disasters such as floods and bushfire. As such, the incumbent will be required to participate in firearms training and be prepared to euthanize livestock.
- The incumbent will be appointed, after a period of training, as an Inspector of Stock under the *Livestock Act 1997*.
- The incumbent must be or be prepared to be vaccinated against Q fever.

Qualifications

- Essential: Degree in Agricultural Science or equivalent.

Capabilities

Refer to [PIRSA's Capabilities Framework](#) for guidance. Identify a maximum of four capabilities essential to carrying out the role. Each capability should have a maximum of three behaviours, with the exception of Professional and Technical Expertise, which may include as many requirements as necessary. Selections can be made from PIRSA's [Capabilities Dictionary](#).

Capability [maximum 4]	Behaviours
Professional & Technical Knowledge Demonstrates a fundamental knowledge in the key areas of professional/technical competence relevant to the role; keeps up to date with relevant changes in technical knowledge relevant to the role Knowledge of the general issues facing the livestock industries, knowledge of industry movements, significant developments and affiliations within the industry; builds industry contacts.	• Has in depth knowledge and grasp of all relevant aspects of animal health, animal diseases, and biosecurity issues, and provides expert professional/ technical advice to support decision making. • Maintains an up to date knowledge of developments in animal disease surveillance, control and management, • Identifies, analyses, evaluates and treats risks within area of responsibility to achieve outcomes. • Aware of the major issues facing the industry and the significant developments in related areas.

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Communication Skills Presents own position and checks individual or group understanding through appropriate questioning and feedback; seeks affirmation and clarifies own understanding of others' positions; communicates actively and effectively in an unambiguous way	- Communicates ideas and information in a form well matched to, and well received by, staff at all levels - Puts complex technical information in a form that is clearly understood and relevant to the audience - Communicates actively accurately and effectively both verbally and in writing
Planning/Organising Sets own work priorities, uses tools (e.g. calendar, files, charts) and time efficiently to meet work objectives.	- Manages own time in an efficient and effective manner - Manages numerous tasks in priority order allowing sufficient time to meet deadlines - Operates within time, financial and political restraints.
Team Building/Team Work Takes an active role in the team and contributes ideas, knowledge and suggestions when possible; works toward team goals; works collaboratively	- Actively participates in team meetings through sharing ideas and contributing to group discussion - Relates well to other team members - Keeps others informed of progress and of issues which may impact on the team

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