

Role Description

General information

Title:	Senior Veterinary Officer (Special project)			Classification:	PO 3	
Division:	Biosecurity	Branch:	Animal Health		Business Unit:	Market Access
Type of Appointment:	Term contract	Hours of Duty:	37.5	Location:	Glenside	

Purpose

PIRSA's Animal Health program protects and facilitates market access and livestock productivity, public health and consumer confidence through the health, welfare, quality, safety and image of South Australian livestock and livestock products, and other animals. Global trade access for livestock and livestock products increasingly requires demonstrated minimum standards of animal health and welfare. The Animal Health Group provides a system for animal disease early warning and early detection of exotic diseases; develop programmes 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 senior veterinary officer role contributes to delivering the agency's [priorities](#) including increasing productivity of our livestock industries and agribusinesses, securing production through biosecurity and efficient and sustainable use of resources and maintaining market access by working with livestock industries to respond to evolving requirements of domestic and global markets and consumers. The role contributes to the management of the risks to South Australia posed by animal pests and diseases, food borne illnesses, and misuse of rural chemicals. The senior veterinary officer role within the market access subprogram specifically manages and delivers policies and projects relating to the PIRSA One Biosecurity program by providing leadership for the development, management and coordination of targeted animal health programs and oversight of development by third party vendors, staff and stakeholders. The position involves working with a team of animal health and biosecurity staff to provide expert advice on developing programs which future-proof data requirements for market access.

Key Accountabilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project manage the development of One Biosecurity Program enhancement for improved communication, biosecurity awareness and producer participation in disease surveillance and emergency animal disease preparedness. Develop an online biosecurity information and training modules which for disease recognition to build resilience to animal disease emergencies. Oversee and scope the requirements for new One Biosecurity modules to assess compliance with enhanced biosecurity standards. Relate to the needs of rural communities and possess a capacity to work collaboratively with key stakeholders including veterinary practitioners, livestock producers, livestock industry groups and service providers, Review market access risks associated with current biosecurity policies and practices. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of technological solutions for improved access to farm level biosecurity data and a user-friendly producer reporting system for conditions of interest to assess disease status. Providing tools for livestock biosecurity risk assessment, including techniques and initiatives which contributes significantly to the achievements/outcomes of PIRSA Animal Health programs. Providing tools for livestock biosecurity risk assessment, including techniques and initiatives which contributes significantly to the achievements/outcomes of PIRSA Animal Health programs. Maintain a high level of emergency animal disease ad disaster preparedness and response capability |
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Key Deliverables / Results	
- Project progress reports showing stages of implementations and highlighting risks - Produce specifications for data collection, collation and storage of biosecurity data - Deliver tools for assessing and monitoring biosecurity practices for specified species and production systems - Produce a fit for purpose checklists and online training materials, and approaches to online assessment of compliance with biosecurity standards.	- Online disease reporting template for use by One Biosecurity members. - Identify areas for innovation in animal disease surveillance and risk mitigation - Initiate, compile and deliver high level scoping and requirements documents for One Biosecurity Internet Service, pig module.
Relationships	
- Role reports to the Manager for Market Access. - There are no direct reports to this role but incumbent will work closely with other the veterinary officers in animal health.	Collaborate with other South Australian government agencies and current Biosecurity staff members and livestock industry stakeholders to facilitate improvements in disease surveillance, emergency preparedness and the need for improvements to existing on-farm biosecurity measures.
Requirements	Qualifications
- 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	- Essential: A degree in Veterinary Science registrable with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of SA. - Desirable: post graduate qualification in veterinary science or research based tertiary qualification.

Capabilities

Capability	Behaviours
Professional & Technical Knowledge Demonstrates sound knowledge across animal health and disease issues, with in-depth knowledge of animal disease management and a sound understanding of farm biosecurity.	- 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, including species specialization - 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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Planning and Organising (Work Management) Develops and manages efficient work plans for complex projects/activities involving a number of elements/groups.	- Identifies capabilities and resources needed to get the job done. - Operates within time, financial and political restraints. - Monitors and reviews progress of activities and revises priorities appropriately.
Analytical Thinking Sizes up information, uses logic to evaluate and draw sound conclusions, and assimilates and analyses information that is high in volume and complex.	- Assimilates and incorporates information from a number of sources/paradigms, drawing themes and identifying gaps. - Quickly perceives the implications of information and makes strategic judgements based upon this. - Weighs the costs, benefits, risks and chances for success in making a decision.
Collaborative Approach Recognises the value of input from others at all phases of projects; seeks ongoing input from all relevant stakeholders to ensure all aspects of an issue are thoroughly considered; communicates effectively to maintain shared ownership	- Develops shared goals and objectives with stakeholders who have diverse perspectives on an issue - Offers expertise and knowledge of particular areas as part of a wider dialogue - Ensures that regular consistent communication takes place - Reflects on, and is willing to shift position to achieve a better outcome for all

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Delegate Approval:	Nathan Rhodes – Executive Director, Biosecurity			Date:	
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