

Role description

General information

Title:	Senior Veterinary Officer (Emergency Animal Disease Preparedness)			Classification:	PO3
Division:	Biosecurity	Branch:	Animal Biosecurity		Business unit: EAD Preparedness
Type of appointment:	Ongoing	Hours of duty:	37.5	Location:	Glenside

About us

South Australia is internationally recognised for the quality of its agriculture, food, and wine. Our regions are the backbone of our state and the economic powerhouse that drives prosperity for all South Australians.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is a key economic development agency working in partnership with our primary industries, regional stakeholders and across all levels of government to advance the prosperity and sustainability of South Australia's primary industries and regional communities. We are a passionate team of around 800 people working across metropolitan and regional South Australia to develop and protect our state's regions and food, wine, aquaculture, fisheries, forestry, grains, livestock, dairy, and horticulture industries.

PIRSA's Animal Biosecurity 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 Biosecurity group provides a system for animal disease early warning and early detection of exotic diseases; develops programmes for data collection to allow monitoring of animal health status and proof of disease freedom; and maintains capacity for emergency animal disease management.

Purpose

This 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. The Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Preparedness program leads the Animal Biosecurity team in preparing to respond to key disease threats to South Australia's livestock industries.

The primary purpose of the Senior Veterinary Officer (EAD Preparedness) is to provide leadership to support the manager of the EAD Preparedness program to translate national EAD policies into operational plans and procedures for the South Australian context (such as for animal movement restrictions, destruction and disposal, surveillance and tracing), and development and delivery of EAD training. The role will be required to engage extensively with the South Australian livestock industries and other key stakeholders on preparedness for EAD response.

Key accountabilities

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- Understand and apply the principles of the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) and AUSVETPLAN to the South Australian situation - Develop operational plans and procedures for implementation during EAD response, including applying the outputs of epidemiological and risk analysis and advice, identifying logistical requirements, engagement with likely service providers and contributing animal health technical input to communications - Liaise effectively with a range of internal and external stakeholders on priority EAD issues, including representing PIRSA in national forums - Collaborate with the South Australian livestock industries to build EAD response capacity, including development of stakeholder networks	- Understand and apply relevant legislation to development and exercising of EAD policies and operational procedures - Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders on the development and exercising of national EAD plans - Build the capacity of other staff in EAD response, through the delivery of effective training in the understanding and application of operational policies and procedures - Manage other staff within the EAD Preparedness program, collaborating with the manager of the EAD Preparedness program to ensure coordinated and effective program delivery
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Key deliverables / results

- The principles of AUSVETPLAN and EADRA are effectively applied to South Australian EAD preparedness planning - Operational plans and procedures are developed for implementation during EAD response - Effective collaboration is undertaken with stakeholders on priority EAD issues, and South Australia is represented in relevant national forums - Networks are built with the South Australian livestock industries and industry EAD response capacity is developed - Effective EAD response training is delivered to other staff	- Legislation is interpreted and applied to EAD preparedness planning, including exercising of EAD policies and operational procedures - Collaboration is undertaken with external stakeholders on the development and exercising of national EAD plans - Contribute to the preparedness of PIRSA to respond to emergency events including participating in emergency disease response training and undertake a senior management role during an emergency event. - Staff management activities are undertaken effectively, ensuring effective program delivery
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Relationships

- Role reports to Manager Epidemiology and EAD Preparedness - Roles reporting to this role could include the Veterinary Officer (EAD Preparedness)	Collaborate with other South Australian government agencies and livestock industry stakeholders to support program outcomes
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Requirements

Qualifications

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of a current driver's license and willingness to drive • Out of hours work and inter / intrastate travel may be required • Australian residency or current works permit is required (responsibility of applicant to provide evidence of a current work permit) • You acknowledge your work, health and safety obligations and our expectations when applying for a role • The incumbent will be required to undertake emergency management training and must be willing to participate in emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities required by government agencies. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential: Degree in veterinary science (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent) • Desirable: Demonstrable experience and/or qualifications in emergency animal disease preparedness and/or response |
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Capabilities

Capability	Behaviours
Professional and Technical Knowledge Demonstrates and applies a sound knowledge of animal health, with expertise in emergency animal disease management within the government context.	• Demonstrates sound knowledge of all relevant aspects of animal health and emergency animal disease management • Maintains an up-to-date knowledge of developments in animal disease management • Demonstrates an ability to develop and apply effective animal health policies and procedures • Explains technical information accurately and clearly to non-technical people • Knows of industry changes, significant developments and affiliations within the industry, and builds industry contacts □ Contributes intelligently outside specific area of expertise
Builds Networks Develops and maintains network of contacts across the government, industry, and community sectors to facilitate achieving objectives, for exchange of information and for mutual benefit.	□ Builds cohesive networks with agency and industry stakeholders □ Builds rapport and keeps others in the loop □ Demonstrates an outgoing and active involvement with stakeholders in resolving issues and utilises networks and relationships to build new opportunities

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Innovation Generating original ideas and approaches that allow for incorporation of new ideas and development of workable solutions.	☐ Includes rational, intuitive, lateral, and creative thinking in defining and solving problems, including incorporating the ideas and creative solutions of others ☐ Creates policy directions and business insights which can be turned into new and realistic plans ☐ Considers broader and long-term implications, being aware of new tools and processes that can be used
Communication Communicating with people effectively both verbally and in writing; connecting with others through exchanging information and ideas.	☐ Presents own position and checks individual or group understanding through appropriate questioning and feedback ☐ Adapts language and style to suit the needs of the audience and situation and to achieve the desired results ☐ Communicates accurately and effectively both verbally and in writing

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