

# Role Description

## General information

<b>Title:</b>	Fruit Fly Monitoring - Metro Plant Health Inspector			<b>Classification:</b>	OPS2
<b>Division:</b>	Biosecurity SA	<b>Branch:</b>	Plant & Food Standards	<b>Business Unit:</b>	Plant Health Operations
<b>Type of Appointment:</b>	Temporary - 2 Years	<b>Hours of Duty:</b>	37.5	<b>Location :</b>	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.

## Purpose

The primary purpose of the role is to support South Australia's valuable horticultural industries by ensuring pests of economic concern such as fruit fly are monitored and eradicated, helping sustain South Australia claims for Area Freedom and maintaining access to both domestic and overseas markets for SA's horticultural industries.

The role contributes to delivering the agency's [priorities](#) including:

- Stimulating value growth.
- Provides the evidence and assurance required for supporting and building SA's Market Access through the eradication, monitoring and demonstration of area freedom from fruit fly and other pests of concern
- Sustaining the resource through the early detection and eradication of fruit fly and other economic pests of concern leading reduced use of chemicals leading to more environmentally sustainable production and access to international markets
- Managing Risk and Recovery

The role contributes to delivering these objectives through maintaining and building South Australia's Area Freedom claims and therefore access to international and national markets through the eradication, monitoring and demonstration of freedom from fruit fly and other economic pests of concern. This leads to the reduced use of chemicals on-fam resulting in more environmentally sustainable production and a reduction in chemical residues on produce, a major concern of some international markets.

## Key Accountabilities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the state's network of fruit fly traps are maintained in accordance with PIRSA's policies and procedures.</li> <li>• Ensuring devices, equipment and tools used for fruit fly detection are maintained in accordance with PIRSA procedures.</li> <li>• Assist in the eradication of fruit fly outbreaks and training teams of casual staff to work on outbreaks as Plant Health Inspectors from time to time.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records are accurately completed, updated and available for audit.</li> <li>• Tasks are performed efficiently and effectively in accordance with work instructions and standard operating procedures.</li> <li>• Annual and ad-hoc plant health initiatives are coordinated and delivered within a timely manner and in accordance with established PIRSA procedures and protocols.</li> <li>• Assisting other areas of Plant Health including the Surveillance and Market Access units from time to time.</li> </ul> |
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<b>Key Deliverables / Results</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring records of trap monitoring are accurately maintained and reported using the TrapBase iPad application in order to meet national reporting requirements.</li> <li>Ensuring questions and concerns from the general public are handled in a professional manner according to PIRSA protocols and procedures.</li> <li>Assist in the eradication of outbreaks in accordance with established guidelines and undertaking surveys, containment and eradication tasks as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placing, recording and mapping of supplementary fruit fly traps as required as a result of fruit fly detections.</li> <li>Suspected fruit fly trappings are retained, reported and identified following established procedures.</li> <li>Providing a level of leadership and support to less experienced and temporary Plant Health Inspectors in planning and conducting their daily tasks.</li> </ul>
<b>Relationships</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role reports to the Manager, Logistics and Monitoring and also works with Manager, Plant Health Operations and members of the First Response Team when managing responses to exotic pest incursions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possession of a current driver's licence and willingness to drive.</li> <li>Out of hours work and inter / intrastate travel may be required.</li> <li>You acknowledge your <a href="#">work, health and safety obligations</a> and <a href="#">our expectations</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential: NIL</li> <li>Desirable: NIL</li> </ul>

## Capabilities

Capability	Behaviours
<p><b>Professional &amp; Technical Knowledge</b></p> <p>Demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of fruit fly detection and eradication techniques; keeps up to date with relevant changes in South Australian and interstate legislation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explains technical information clearly to non-technical people and interprets legislation which is relevant to area.</li> <li>Understands the general issues facing the 'industry'.</li> <li>Demonstrates a working knowledge of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horticultural industries affected by fruit fly and other declared pests and disease.</li> <li>The Plant Health Act 2009, The Plant Quarantine Standard SA and interstate entry requirements and the Codes of Practice for the management of fruit fly.</li> <li>Fruit fly and Exotic Gypsy Moth monitoring and surveillance methods.</li> <li>Identification, response and eradication methods used for fruit fly and other declared pests and disease.</li> <li>WHS obligations, policies and procedures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Equal opportunity obligations, policies and procedures</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communication Skills</b> Communicates openly to develop and maintain working relationships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates actively and effectively both verbally and in writing.</li> <li>• Shares information freely and clearly in a way that can be understood by others.</li> <li>• Listens to others and clarifies to ensure understanding.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tolerance for Routine</b> Completes large amounts of routine and repetitive tasks; maintains quality of work throughout.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows established routines to check traps.</li> <li>• Checks tasks for accuracy.</li> <li>• Ensures records are captured and recorded accurately and systematically</li> </ul>
<p><b>Attention to Detail</b> Monitor own and others' work, ensuring it complies with the performance standards required by the organisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produces work that is accurate.</li> <li>• Sets up processes for thorough checking and monitoring of own work.</li> <li>• Delivers a high standard of performance even when working under pressure. Appreciates and communicates clearly the ramifications of inaccuracies.</li> </ul>

<b>HRMS No:</b>		<b>ANZCO Code:</b>		<b>Objective ID:</b>	A7471088
<b>Delegate Approval:</b>	Kate Fielder, A/Director, Plant and Invasive Species			<b>Date:</b>	30 April 2026
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