

Role description

General information

Title:	Senior Veterinary Officer, Field Operations			Classification:	PO3
Division:	Biosecurity	Branch:	Animal Biosecurity	Business unit:	Field Operations
Type of appointment:	Ongoing	Hours of duty:	37.5 hours per week	Location :	as determined

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 deliver animal biosecurity programs involving disease monitoring and surveillance, prevention and control, and education and awareness.

The 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.

Key accountabilities

- Relate to the needs of rural communities and possess a capacity to work collaboratively with veterinary practitioners, livestock producers, industry groups, SA Health and other relevant stakeholders.
- Coordinate the delivery of strategic outcomes for Animal Biosecurity
- Develop, manage and deliver specific projects as part of Animal Biosecurity.
- Provide veterinary inputs to Animal Biosecurity's preparedness, surveillance and control activities.
- Maintain a high level of emergency animal disease and disaster preparedness and response capability.

Key deliverables / results

- Deliver leadership to ensure the ongoing efficacy and integrity of complex technical surveillance data, and associated collection and analysis systems.
- Epidemiology, this also encompasses ensuring appropriate data entry, management and continuous system development.
- Plan, lead and manage complex and/or critical targeted animal biosecurity programs and projects across the Region and State.
- Establish and foster communication networks with a range of stakeholders including producers, livestock industries and other key stakeholders who are critical to promotion of surveillance and biosecurity awareness and preparedness, to ensure effective
- Achieve a high level of professional coordination and contribution to the identification, development and delivery of animal health and welfare related projects, initiatives and programs, including the development of business cases and funding arrangements for surveillance related programs.
- Prepare correspondence, briefings and other information to meet stakeholder, agency and other reporting requirements.
- Deliver expert advice to a range of external stakeholders including the Department of Environment and Water, Department of Health, livestock industry groups and service providers, agribusiness and producers to support livestock and wildlife health and

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<p>reporting is achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in animal welfare activities as directed. 	<p>biosecurity objectives and provide information on complex animal biosecurity matters.</p>
<h2>Relationships</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role reports to the relevant Field Team Leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborates with the Animal Biosecurity managers, program managers and team members. Develops and maintains strong networks with PIRSA and across key agencies and industries.
<h2>Requirements</h2>	<h2>Qualifications</h2>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of a current driver's licence 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. The role requires a level of physical capability and fitness due to the requirements to restrain and inspect livestock, and work with machinery which assist in the inspection and taking samples from livestock. As authorised officers under the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i>, and in accordance with PIRSA Emergency Response Plans, staff will on occasion be required to euthanise livestock 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 euthanise livestock. The incumbent will be appointed, after a period of training, as an Inspector of Stock under the <i>Livestock Act 1997</i>. The incumbent must be or be prepared to be vaccinated against Q fever and other zoonotic diseases as required. The incumbent will be required to participate on the shared Emergency Animal Disease Hotline roster which includes 1 week of on-call biannually. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential: Degree in Veterinary Science registrable with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of SA. Desirable: Post graduate qualification in veterinary public health, epidemiology or related field.

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Capabilities					
Capability	Behaviours				
<p>Professional and Technical Knowledge Demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of the development and management of animal disease surveillance programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has in depth knowledge and experience of planning and developing animal biosecurity programs and provides expert professional/technical verbal and written advice to support decision making. • Maintains an up-to-date knowledge of developments in animal biosecurity surveillance, control and management. • Identifies, analyses, evaluates and treats risks within area of responsibility to achieve outcomes. • Aware of the major issues facing livestock and wildlife industry and the significant developments in related areas. 				
<p>Leading and motivating others Determines and directs agendas for others; leads by collaboration and facilitates leadership in large groups and in own areas of responsibility; demonstrates awareness of how to use a range of leadership styles.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognises critical issues for the organisation and provides leadership in addressing these. • Adapts leadership style to suit different situations. • Designs strategies and programs to enhance leadership of relevant people/programs. • Inspires a sense of purpose and direction. 				
<p>Planning and Organising (Work Management) Develops and manages efficient work plans for complex projects/activities involving a number of elements/groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turns high level strategies into plans which can be implemented. • Sets out roadmap for success within definite time constraints and gets buy-in of staff and stakeholders. • Identifies capabilities and resources needed to get the job done. • Monitors and reviews progress of activities and revises priorities appropriately. 				
<p>Initiative Proactively identifies opportunities and issues and takes decisive action; initiates activities and accepts responsibilities beyond the specific job description.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-motivated, self-directed and capable of working independently, as well as either leading or working within a team to achieve desirable outcomes. • Identifies and seizes opportunities to produce successful outcomes; acts decisively and confidently. • Sense of creativity and ability to work with minimal supervision. • Actively suggests and pursues new and different conclusions to problems. 				
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