



# **Who ya going to call?**

**A model for responding to biosecurity incursions**

# Session purpose

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**To seek feedback and advice, including an indication of support on:**

1. The proposal for MPI to lead a process to develop a *GIA Response Guide* using a Joint Working Group
2. The requirements for a *GIA Response Guide*
3. The proposed process to develop and deliver the *GIA Response Guide*
4. The draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group

**To seek nominations on suitable participants for the Joint Working Group**


NOTE: Potential signatories that are not able to attend the Forum, and potential signatories wishing to provide their feedback in writing, are asked to send any comments to the Secretariat ([secretariat@gia.org.nz](mailto:secretariat@gia.org.nz)) by 19 March 2014.

# Session format

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1. Background
2. Discussion paper recommendations
3. Next Steps

# Background



**Government Industry Agreement for  
Biosecurity Readiness and Response**

**Deed**

June 2013

Version 1.0

GIA Deed Version 1.0 30 June 2013

(ii) any organism specified in Schedule 2 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996; but

(b) does not include any organism approved for importation under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, unless—

(i) the organism is an organism which has escaped from a containment facility; or

(ii) a chief technical officer, after consulting the Authority and taking into account any comments made by the Authority concerning the organism, believes that the organism is capable or potentially capable of causing unwanted harm to any natural and physical resources or human health.

**8. Execution**

Signed by and on behalf of the Ministry for Primary Industries by its Director-General on [insert date] )  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of:

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

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**Schedule 1 - Industry Signatories**

Signed by and on behalf of [Company name of industry Signatory] by its Director, [name], on [insert date] )  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of:

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Gazetted date \_\_\_\_\_

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Schedule 1

# Building on the National Biosecurity Response System

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua

Biosecurity Response  
KNOWLEDGE BASE

Using The Knowledge Base | Glossary | What's New?

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Processes And Procedures

**Processes And Procedures**

**Manage Response**

- Investigate
- Initiate Response
- Plan and report (Response Brief)
- Develop Business Case
- Plan and report (Response Management Plan)
- Transition from response
- Learn and close
- Enable response
- Perform operations
- IRS

### Manage Response

Logistics  
Communications  
Liaison  
Correspondence  
Compensation  
IRS  
Advisory groups  
Operational Specifications  
Approvals and exemptions

<http://brkb.biosecurity.govt.nz/>

# *GIA Response Guide* – Proposed content

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- Introduction to the existing National Biosecurity Response System
- Overview of how responses are managed under GIA
- Critical decisions that need to be made jointly
- Roles and responsibilities of decision-makers defined in Terms of Reference
- Principles for joint and consensus decision-making that reflect the expectations of Signatories

# The Panel



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MPI Response Manager  
Response leadership,  
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**Lois Ransom**  
Secretariat Mgr  
GIA Deed



**Rod Turner**  
Plant Health Australia  
Broad cross-system  
biosecurity experience at  
senior levels. Involved in  
developing the Emergency  
Plant Pest Response Deed.  
Response experience both  
pre- and post- the Deed.



**Eva-Maria Bernoth**  
Animal Health Australia  
Background in veterinary sciences,  
terrestrial and aquatic livestock  
species, Executive Manager for  
Emergency Preparedness &  
Response Programmes.  
Responsible for Emergency  
Animal Disease Response  
Agreement, and AUSVETPLan.

# Recommendation 1

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**Agree** MPI lead a process to develop a *GIA Response Guide* using a Joint Working Group of MPI and Industry representatives



# Recommendation 2

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**Agree the *GIA Response Guide* be developed to meet the requirements outlined in Section 6**

A reference document to help ensure joint decision-makers in GIA responses have a shared understanding of how responses are managed, and know what is expected of them in the lead up to, and during a response

Use the Deed and existing biosecurity response systems as the foundation

Prioritise Terms of Reference for the response decision-making body (Response Strategic Leadership) and other content related to joint decision-making in responses

Include an agreed process for MPI to rapidly notify potentially affected Signatories when an unwanted organism is detected in New Zealand

# Recommendation 3

**Agree** the proposed process (described in Section 7) for developing and delivering a *GIA Response Guide*

Step	Activity	Who	Due
1	Gather information	MPI	End Feb
2	Plan – confirm TOR, develop prioritised plan	JWG	End Mar
3	Develop Test with selected Industry and MPI reps Refine	JWG, SMEs JWG, Industry, MPI JWG	As plan
4	Compile into <i>GIA Response Guide</i>	JWG	As plan
5	Consult with wider Industry and MPI	Secretariat	As plan
6	Publish, communicate & socialise	Secretariat, Industry, MPI	As plan

# Recommendation 4

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**Agree** the proposed Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide*) – refer Attachment 3

**Purpose and Scope of Group** – *to develop and test a GIA Response Guide*

**Membership** – *skills and experience based, all core skills represented across the group, numbers kept to the minimum required*

**Working methods** – *reports to IGB, regular face-to-face meetings, use subject matter experts as required, core group to draft material then test and consult more widely*

**Outputs** – *a GIA Response Guide, supporting tools, summary of outstanding issues and recommendations for resolving, recommendations on other actions to enhance collaboration*

**Resources and budgets** - *participation costs met by member organisations*

# Next steps

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MPI and industry to submit nominations for Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide*) members to the Secretariat [**Monday 10 March**]

IGB to confirm Joint Working Group membership [**Friday 14 March**]

Secretariat to incorporate relevant forum feedback into the proposed requirement, process and Joint Working Group Terms of Reference [**Friday 21 March**]

First meeting of Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide*) [**week of Monday 24 March**]

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