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**Equine Influenza Hits NSW – National Coordination**



# Background -EAD Management Framework

- Cost Sharing Plan - Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA),
- AUSVETPLAN ([www.animalhealthaustralia.com](http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com))
- National and State Coordination



# Cost Sharing Agreement (EADRA)

- Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) Agreement between Government & Industry
- 62 diseases covered
- 4 categories of cost sharing
  - 100% Government
  - 80% Govt 20% Industry
  - 50% Govt 50% Industry
  - 20% Govt 80% Industry
- EI 20% by government and 80% by industry

## Disease Strategies

For example:

African Horse sickness

Avian influenza

Bluetongue

Classical swine fever

Foot-and-mouth disease

Newcastle disease

Rabies

## Management Manuals

For example:

Control Centres

Laboratory preparedness

State Standard Operating

Procedures for example: DPIE

VETPLAN, NSW Exotic Animal

Disease Control Manual

## Operational Procedures Manual

For example:

Valuation & compensation

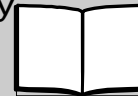
Destruction & disposal

Decontamination

Wild animal control

# AUSVETPLAN

The Australian  
Veterinary Emergency  
Plan



*Summary Document*

## Enterprise Manuals

For example:

Artificial breeding centres

Feedlots

Saleyards

Veterinary practices

## Agency Support Plans

For example (police, local government)

NSW Animal Health Emergency

Sub-plan

Other state/Territory support plans

## Training Resources

Training Manual

Videos

## Diagnostic Resources

Exotic Animal Diseases of  
Australia:

A Field Guide for Australian  
Veterinarians

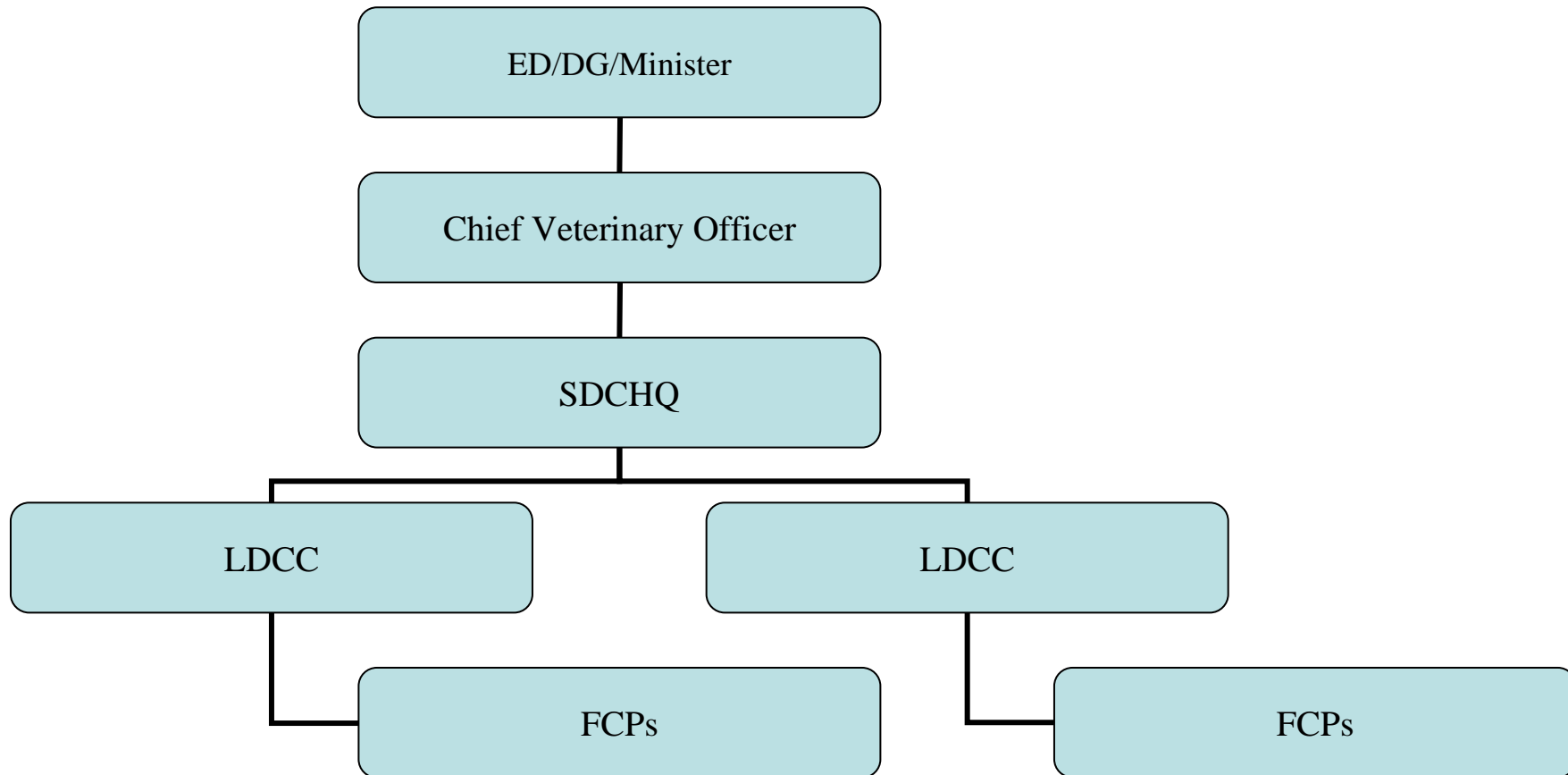
Diagnosis of Screwworm Fly



# National and State EAD Coordination

- A coordinated national approach
  - Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Diseases (CCEAD)
  - National Management Group (NMG)
  - Ministerial liaison
- State Disaster Plan (Displan)
  - State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC)
  - State Emergency Management Liaison Officer
- NSW DPI Emergency Management
  - Animal and Plant Biosecurity
  - Emergencies, Weeds and Pest Animals
  - Other DPI staff
- Stakeholder liaison
  - RLPB
  - Industry/Horse owning public
  - Private veterinarians/AVA/EVA

# NSW DPI Emergency Animal Disease Management Arrangements





# EI timeline and Facts (1)

- August 8 - Horses imported from Japan
  - Quarantined in Eastern Creek, NSW and Spotswood, Victoria
- Date? – EI escapes from Eastern Creek Quarantine Station, NSW
- 17 August first horse at Eastern Creek Quarantine Station shows signs consistent with EI,
- 18–19 August Horse event at Maitland, NSW
- 23 August 5 horses PCR positive for EI at Eastern Creek Quarantine Station
  - CCEAD 01 meeting held 4pm



## EI timeline and Facts (2)

### ■ 24 August

- exotic disease hotline call from private veterinarian at Centennial Park Equestrian Centre
- Launch of NSW DPI Biosecurity Strategy
- Samples forwarded to EMAI and AAHL
- Victorian CVO notified of samples going to AAHL
- Centennial Park Quarantined on suspicion
- Contact made with Harness Racing and Racing NSW
- Investigations continue
- 11.10pm: PCR results from EMAI are positive
- Decision made to implement Standstill
- 11.56pm Acting Australian CVO advised and CCEAD meeting requested.



## EI timeline and Facts (2)

### ■ 25 August,

- 2am – horse standstill implemented in NSW, the rest of Australia follows soon after. Faxes to all known NSW horse organisations.
- 5.15am Media requests begin
- 5.45am Samples to AAHL haven't arrived
- Randwick cancelled
- Queensland CVO notified
- ECQS and CP declared Protected zones
- All racing and other events cancelled
- SDCHQ established and LDCC being established
- Tracing and surveillance initiated
- 10am CCEAD 02 meeting
  - NSW EADRP Version 1 submitted



## El timeline and Facts (3)

### ■ 26 August

- PCR results horses positive Morgan Park Recreational Ground, Queensland.
- CCEAD 03 meeting
  - Sitreps
  - Vaccination
  - APEC horses

### ■ 27 August

- CCEAD 04/NMG 01 meetings
  - Sitreps
  - EADRP V2
  - Length of standstill



## El timeline and Facts (4)

- 28 August
  - CCEAD 05
    - Sitreps
    - EADRP
    - Testing Protocols
    - Case definition
    - Movement conditions – zoning and permits
    - Protocols for release
- 29 August CCEAD 06
- 30 August NMG 02



# So what else happened?

