The NSW Government’s Biosecurity Strategy 2013-2021 provides the foundation for stakeholders to work together to improve biosecurity practices. As a key component of the Strategy the Greater Sydney Peri Urban Biosecurity Program focuses on this high biosecurity risk area in NSW and fosters collaboration, partnerships and participation to reduce that risk.
The Peri Urban Biosecurity Program

At a glance

NSW is leading the way through a dedicated program focused on strengthening collaboration within the Greater Sydney region and improving the capacity to respond to, manage and control biosecurity threats.

Sydney is the gateway to NSW and its peri urban areas have long been recognised as a high biosecurity risk. In this region we have more incoming international travellers and freight than anywhere else in the country along with a high density of small lot holders. Coupled with the impact of climate change and emerging diseases, the biosecurity risk for the region continues to rise.

Biosecurity in the Greater Sydney region keeps farmers in business, maintains export markets, keeps the community healthy and protects our environment – and we want to keep it that way.

Greater Sydney...

Food production worth $1.5 billion a year + 1 million shipping containers a year, 38.5 million visitors a year and 500,000 tonnes of airfreight ☹ high biosecurity risk

Good biosecurity practices protect us all from the impacts of animal and plant pests, diseases and weeds. We all share the responsibility for managing biosecurity risks, and together we can protect the NSW economy, the supply of safe and healthy food, and our unique natural environment.
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Protect our $12 billion primary industries.

We need you

For this program to succeed, Greater Sydney Local Land Services and the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) need to bring together all the key players in the Greater Sydney region to help make the best use of knowledge and expertise.

How we will work with key partners

- collaborate with key partners in periurban areas to coordinate existing activities
- increase surveillance in the Greater Sydney region for early detection of biosecurity threats and monitoring existing pests and diseases
- undertake social research to learn more about the understanding and beliefs of small lot holders in relation to biosecurity, livestock health and disease emergencies
- improve biosecurity prevention, preparedness and response at Sydney saleyards
- lead a weeds community engagement project which encourages the community to participate in biosecurity activities and addresses the impact of weeds
- hold biosecurity workshops for special interest groups, such as veterinarians and small lot holders
- improve traceability of animals and compliance to improve food safety.
How to get involved

If you would like further information on the Peri Urban Biosecurity Program or to become involved contact:

» Greater Sydney Local Land Services on 1300 795 299 or

» the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Peri Urban Program Coordinator on 02 6391 3410 or via email biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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