



Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA)

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Purpose of the EADRA

To provide a consistent national framework for

- Risk-based classification of EADs,
- Identification of EAD incidents,
- Development and conduct of a response to an EAD incident,
- Funding a response to an EAD incident,
- Sharing the costs of an EAD response.

Key Concepts of the EADRA

Parties to the EADRA commit to

1. Reduce the risk of EADs;
2. Maintain an appropriate capacity to detect and respond to EADs;
3. Share accountability for decision making in response to an EAD;
4. Share the cost of responding to an EAD.

Risk Management and the EADRA

Elements of EAD risk management in Australia's animal health system:

- **Surveillance** – on shore and off shore
- **Quarantine** – national, state
- **Resourcing** – people, skills, equipment
- **Planning** – AUSVETPLAN
- **Training** – competencies, exercises
- **EADRA** – biosecurity, preparedness, response, cost-sharing, management, decision-making

Key Linkages Involving the EADRA

- **Biosecurity Plans and Statements** – the key to risk reduction.
- **National Animal Health Performance Standards** – the key to risk-based resource allocation.
- **AUSVETPLAN** – the key to effective EAD response planning and management.

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- National response plan for control and eradication of exotic and emerging animal diseases.
- The basis for EAD response planning under the EADRA.
- The basis for defining EAD training requirements and roles, including Industry Liaison Officers.

EADRA – Decision making structures

- **CCEAD** – The technical advisory committee.
- **NMG** – The high level decision-making committee.
- **Emergency Animal Disease Categorisation Panel** – Representative committee that determines or changes the categorisation of diseases.

Costs to be Shared

- Eligible costs (above 'normal commitments')
 - Salaries and wages
 - Operating expenses
 - Capital costs
- Compensation to producers
- Feral/wild animal operations under the EADRP
- NMG and CCEAD costs (AHA costs)
- Auditing costs
- Other agreed costs
- [Animals ordered to be slaughtered on welfare grounds]

EADRA – Cautions and Exclusions

- Nothing about the EADRA in any way compromises, changes or relieves the rights and responsibilities of a jurisdiction and CVO to act promptly in the event of an animal disease outbreak.
- It is the EAD **Response** Agreement – support and recovery costs and consequential losses are not covered by the agreement.

EADRA – Other Interesting Concepts

Whole Of Government – It is the governments, not their agricultural agencies that are the Parties to the Agreement.

‘Normal Commitments’ – Cost sharing only applies to costs beyond a Party’s normal resource capability.

Cost Sharing, Not Cost Shifting – The EADRA is not intended to transfer the cost of the provision of governments’ constitutional obligations to industry.