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Update on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy

The Biosecurity Surveillance Group is working on a project to develop a strategy for a cross-sector national biosecurity surveillance system that will set the direction for New Zealand's future biosecurity surveillance activities.

This is a regular update on our progress. If you would prefer not to receive updates, please email NZBiosecuritySurveillance@maf.govt.nz to let us know.

We have recently finished collecting feedback from a key reference group comprised of people with knowledge of or expertise in New Zealand's Biosecurity Surveillance System. We were pleased to get useful feedback from people and organisations that undertake a variety of roles in biosecurity surveillance, across many industries and sectors.

We will now collate and review the feedback we've received, and update the draft Review of the Current State of Biosecurity Surveillance. The current intent is that this document will be released more widely in 2008, when we undertake public consultation on our strategy for the future.

We have also commenced early development of part two of the Biosecurity Surveillance strategy (tentatively titled "Vision, principles and approaches for the future biosecurity surveillance system"). At this stage, we're developing a framework and scope for the document, and have started undertaking research in various areas to help provide some foundations for the document.

We're committed to keeping you up to date with progress, and are looking forward to contact with many of you in coming months, as we start working on the strategy for the future of Biosecurity Surveillance in New Zealand.

Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy development process	
Development of draft review of the current state of biosecurity surveillance	<i>Completed</i>
Initial verification of the current state with key participants and contributors	<i>Completed</i>
Development of draft of Biosecurity surveillance strategy Part 2: Vision, principles and approaches for the future biosecurity surveillance system	Second half of 2007 – early 2008
Workshops with stakeholders	Mid 2008
Release of Review of Current State of Biosecurity Surveillance and Biosecurity surveillance strategy Part 2: Vision, principles and approaches for the future biosecurity surveillance system for public consultation	Mid - Late 2008

If you have any questions or comments on the Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy, please email NZBiosecuritySurveillance@maf.govt.nz



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