



BIOSECURITY 2025

Protecting to Grow New Zealand



Submission Form

Submission Form: Biosecurity 2025 Direction Statement

Submissions must be lodged by 5pm on Friday 9 September 2016.

This version is designed to be completed electronically. Please email your completed form to biosecurity2025@mpi.govt.nz

Consultation Questions

The questions are designed to stimulate your thinking and help us report back clearly on people's feedback. There are also spaces after each question on the submission form for your additional comments.

The first page, "General Questions", asks you to comment overall on the proposals in the [discussion document](#). The following pages of the submission form seek your comments on each of the proposals – the mission, principles and the five Strategic Directions.

This survey should take no longer than 45 minutes to complete and you're welcome to answer as little or as much of the form as you like.

If you would like further information regarding the submission process:

- View the Biosecurity 2025 webpages at www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity2025
- Ask the Biosecurity 2025 team at biosecurity2025@mpi.govt.nz
- Attend one of the public meetings/hui being held around the country.

Disclaimer

Any submission you make becomes public information. Anyone can ask for copies of all submissions under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA says we must make the information available unless we have a good reason for withholding it. You can find those grounds in sections 6 and 9 of the OIA.

Tell us if you think there are grounds to withhold specific information in your submission. Reasons might include it being commercially sensitive or personal information. However, any decision MPI makes to withhold information can be reviewed by the Ombudsman, who may require the information be released.

Please note that late submissions will not be considered but may be released publicly.

Contact Information

Q1. Please enter your contact information.

Name

Organisation

Address

City/Town

Email

Phone

General Questions

The three questions below relate to the overall proposals in the **discussion document** set out on pages 19–22.

For each question, please select the option that most closely reflects your opinion. You are welcome to explain your answer or provide additional information in the space provided.

Q2. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the discussion document addresses the challenges, risk and opportunities facing the biosecurity system?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q3. What's good about what is being proposed?

Q4. What's missing from what is being proposed?

Questions from Part 2: Proposals for a Direction Statement for New Zealand

The mission and guiding principles below are described on pages 20–21 of the discussion document. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Proposed mission for biosecurity

- New Zealanders, our plants and animals, and our unique natural resources, are kept safe and secure from harmful pests and diseases.
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Q5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this should be the mission for all participants in the biosecurity system to work towards?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q6. Would you like to comment?

Principles - Please refer to pages 20–21 of the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Proposed guiding principles for the system

- These principles are intended to guide all system participants and underpin implementation of the Biosecurity 2025 Direction Statement and any subsequent strategies and plans.

Q7. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these are the right principles?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly agree
Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility					
Decisions take into consideration economic, environmental, cultural and social values					
Risk-based decision-making is informed by the best available science and information					
Decisions are transparent, taking into account the integrated nature of the system, and ensure resources are prioritised to achieve greatest benefit for biosecurity outcomes					
Biosecurity operates in an environment of continuous learning and system improvement					
Collaborative approaches and wide participation are enabled and encouraged					
The role of tāngata whenua as kaitiaki, and mātauranga Māori are recognised and provided for					
Biosecurity takes account of our trading context; including the need to facilitate safe imports, support assured exports and meet international obligations.					

Q8. Would you like to comment?

Strategic Direction 1 – A biosecurity team of 4.7 million

Strategic Direction 1 is described on pages 23–24 of the discussion document. Reproduced below is a high level vision for 2025 for this Strategic Direction. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Strategic Direction 1 – Vision for 2025

- New Zealanders and visitors are aware and knowledgeable about biosecurity.
 - Biosecurity is a reflex action – thinking about and participating in biosecurity has become fundamental to what we do as New Zealanders.
 - The unique knowledge and perspective of Māori is recognised and Māori actively participate as kaitiaki at all levels of the system.
 - Partnerships and other collaborations enable us to work more effectively towards a collective vision for biosecurity.
 - Tools, rules and processes make it easy to do the right thing.
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Q9. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this is an appropriate Strategic Direction?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q10. Would you like to comment?

These first steps have been identified by MPI as actions it can do, alone or in collaboration with others, to get things started. See page 25 of the [discussion document](#) for more information.

Strategic Direction 1 – First steps [high level summary]

Communications

- Undertake surveys to understand public attitudes and understanding.
- Set up a biosecurity communications community of practice.
- Prepare a communications strategy for biosecurity.

Māori participation

- Develop agencies' and Māori capability to work together.
- Establish enduring trusted relationships.

Harnessing the power of collaboration

- Create partnerships between organisations to manage risk.
 - Work with the New Zealand Institute of Directors to build corporate awareness.
 - Develop models for community partnership in pest management.
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Q11. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these first steps are the right ones to advance Strategic Direction 1?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q12. Would you like to comment?

Q13. What additional first steps could you or others take to usefully advance Strategic Direction 1?

Strategic Direction 2 – A toolbox for tomorrow

Strategic Direction 2 is described on pages 26–27 of the discussion document. Reproduced below is a high level vision for 2025 for this Strategic Direction. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Strategic Direction 2 – Vision for 2025

- The best science underpins biosecurity risk management through effective coordination and processes that allow the full value of science to be realised.
 - Continuous improvement ensures we get the very best value from biosecurity tools and technologies.
 - Capitalising on innovation and technology, by proactively seeking out and adopting new tools, transforms the way we do things.
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Q14. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this is an appropriate Strategic Direction?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q15. Would you like to comment?

These first steps have been identified by MPI as actions it can do, alone or in collaboration with others, to get things started. See page 28 of the [discussion document](#) for more information.

Strategic Direction 2 – First steps [high level summary]

Science

- Develop a whole of system approach to biosecurity science priorities. Early focus areas:
 - Develop a science and evidence plan for biosecurity.
 - Identify high-value research opportunities.
 - Review balances between land and freshwater/marine-focused research, and between discovery science and applied research.
 - Integrate social science and mātauranga Māori into biosecurity science.

New tools

- Establish a research, technology and innovation cell to operationalise new technologies. Early focus area: border processes.
- Trial and implement new tools.
- Develop tools that enhance and enable public participation in biosecurity.

Current tools

- Quicken the pace of improving the Pest Management Toolbox.
- Explore how emerging technologies can be applied to current pest management tools.

Q16. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these first steps are the right ones to advance Strategic Direction 2?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Q17. Would you like to comment?

Q18. What additional first steps could you or others take to usefully advance Strategic Direction 2?

Strategic Direction 3 – Free-flowing information highways

Strategic Direction 3 is described on pages 29–30 of the discussion document. Reproduced below is a high level vision for 2025 for this Strategic Direction. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Strategic Direction 3 – Vision for 2025

- Information is shared and open wherever possible.
 - We unlock the full value of information through the best data use and analysis.
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Q19. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this is an appropriate Strategic Direction?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q20. Would you like to comment?

These first steps have been identified by MPI as actions it can do, alone or in collaboration with others, to get things started. See page 30 of the [discussion document](#) for more information.

Strategic Direction 3 – First steps [high level summary]

- Identify barriers, opportunities and potential mechanisms for enabling biosecurity data sharing.
 - Invest in improving current key systems including for emerging risks, organism information, and intelligence.
 - Provide tools to capture and access information remotely.
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Q21. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these first steps are the right ones to advance Strategic Direction 3?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q22. Would you like to comment?

Q23. What additional first steps could you or others take to usefully advance Strategic Direction 3?

Strategic Direction 4 – Effective leadership and governance

Strategic Direction 4 is described on pages 31–32 of the discussion document. Reproduced below is a high level vision for 2025 for this Strategic Direction. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Strategic Direction 4 – Vision for 2025

- System leadership supports everyone to contribute through an effective distributed leadership model.
 - Everyone has confidence in the system and its continual improvement.
 - Transparent, inclusive and accountable system governance delivers clear purpose, confidence in system performance and assurance to all system participants that their interests are reflected in decision-making.
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Q24. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this is an appropriate Strategic Direction?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q25. Would you like to comment?

These first steps have been identified by MPI as actions it can do, alone or in collaboration with others, to get things started. See page 32 of the [discussion document](#) for more information.

Strategic Direction 4 – First steps [high level summary]

- Develop best practice arrangements for distributed leadership. Early focus area: Pathway Management Plans.
 - Identify, clarify and resolve issues regarding system roles and responsibilities.
 - Consider ways to increase transparency of biosecurity system performance reporting
 - Review biosecurity system governance.
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Q26. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these first steps are the right ones to advance Strategic Direction 4?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q27. Would you like to comment?

Q28. What additional first steps could you or others take to usefully advance Strategic Direction 4?

Strategic Direction 5 – Tomorrow’s Skills and Assets

Strategic Direction 5 is described on pages 33–34 of the discussion document. Reproduced below is a high level vision for 2025 for this Strategic Direction. Please refer to the [discussion document](#) for full detail.

Strategic Direction 5 – Vision for 2025

- The biosecurity workforce is made up of enough people, with the right knowledge and skills, to meet our current and future biosecurity challenges.
- World-class, sustainable infrastructure supports biosecurity system functions.

Q29. How strongly do you agree or disagree that this is an appropriate Strategic Direction?

Strongly
disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly
agree

Q30. Would you like to comment?

These first steps have been identified by MPI as actions it can do, alone or in collaboration with others, to get things started. See page 34 of the [discussion document](#) for more information.

Strategic Direction 5 – First steps [high level summary]

- Undertake a system-wide capability assessment and develop a plan to address capability challenges.
 - Promote biosecurity as a career option through:
 - the Enterprising Primary Industries Careers (EPIC) challenge and the Ambassadors programme.
 - incorporating biosecurity principles and concepts into the national curriculum at primary and/or secondary levels.
 - Careers NZ and careers education and advice at secondary schools and tertiary institutes.
 - tertiary institutes improving formal training options to enable students to specialise in biosecurity disciplines.
 - Implement Royal Society of New Zealand’s recommendations related to taxonomic collections of relevance to biosecurity.
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Q31. How strongly do you agree or disagree that these first steps are the right ones to advance Strategic Direction 5?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither

Agree

Strongly agree

Q32. Would you like to comment?

Q33. What additional first steps could you or others take to usefully advance Strategic Direction 5?

Final comments

Q34. Any final comments?

What happens next?

Thank you for completing the Biosecurity 2025 discussion document submission form. If you have any further comments or questions you can contact the biosecurity 2025 team on biosecurity2025@mpi.govt.nz

Developing a Direction Statement

MPI will consider all the feedback received via the consultation and submission process. This will then inform the development of a Direction Statement for the biosecurity system.

After Cabinet approval, the Direction Statement will be publicly released by the Minister for Primary Industries.

Implementation

A large cast will be involved in implementing Biosecurity 2025. It will be made up of every entity that works in or interacts with the biosecurity system.

Following confirmation of the Biosecurity 2025 Direction Statement, MPI will work closely with participants across the biosecurity system to create a comprehensive implementation plan. This will build on the first steps and will establish a framework for action that will have the buy-in of all.

Exactly how implementation planning will take place is still to be determined, but it will be a collaborative process with wide involvement from central and regional government, industry and other biosecurity system participants.

Biosecurity 2025 process at a glance

