

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This hazard/activity addressed by this guide has a risk rating of Extreme State Risk: Extreme

The Glen Innes Severn LGA has multiple animal and plant producers including mainly cattle and sheep, with a smaller number of horticulture, apiary, pig and poultry producers. Biosecurity measures are in place, however the introduction of animal and plant pests and diseases, and invasive species, has the potential to significantly damage these industries. The area also has significant numbers of small area landholders, many with horses, livestock, and other animals.

Outbreaks across biosecurity sectors are continuing to rise in volume and complexity, due to a range of factors including growing levels of trade and travel, urbanisation, climate change and biodiversity loss. Biosecurity is not just a 'local' risk – a biosecurity emergency may require significant coordinated activities to be undertaken in jurisdictions where there is no biosecurity outbreak – i.e., Livestock standstill. Biosecurity is a shared responsibility, and everybody has a role to play in protecting NSW from these biosecurity risks.

2. CONTROL

- The Combat Agency for this hazard is the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI). Local Land Services are a principal partner and provide support in the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery as outlined in the State Biosecurity (Animal and Plant) Sub Plan.
- The Local Control Centre (LCC) is activated by DPI and may be located at the Glen Innes office of Northern Tablelands LLS at 1 Greenaway St. An alternative location is the NSW RFS control centre at 100 Lambeth St, Glen Innes and will be advised by the Combat Agency control arrangements based on the hazard, likely size of the response and how long it goes for.

3. COMMAND / CO-ORDINATION

- Agencies command their own resources under the co-ordination of the Glen Innes Severn Council Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON).
- The nominated Local Emergency Operations Centre (LEOC) is located at the NSW RFS Control Centre, 100 Lambeth St, Glen Innes.

4. TRIGGERS

These occurrences may trigger the activation of an EOC at the request of the Combat Agency:

- Where an initial risk assessment has identified a high likelihood or suspicion of a biosecurity incursion in consultation with NSW DPI to assist in coordinating local input where required
- Confirmation of an emergency animal disease/pest within the Glen Innes Severn LGA
- Confirmation of an emergency plant disease/pest within the Glen Innes Severn LGA
- Confirmation of a declared aquatic pest or disease within the Glen Innes Severn LGA
- Confirmation of a plague locust event requiring a significant and coordinated response within the Glen Innes Severn LGA
- Requested by the relevant EOCON in consultation with NSW DPI to assist in coordinating local input.

5. STRATEGIES

Strategy	Details
Provide support for the containment of diseased plants/animals.	Assist NSW DPI to conduct surveillance and tracing of properties and stock/plants to identify extent of disease.
Provide support for the destruction of animals or plants.	Assist with the destruction of animals and/or plants where capability of the organisation supports the NSW DPI approved destruction methods and legal instruments (destruction order).
Provide support to dispose of animals/plants and other contaminated material with consideration to community sensitivities and environmental impacts.	Assist with the identification of suitable sites to safely dispose of animals/plants and other contaminated material with consideration to community sensitivities and environmental impacts.
Provide support to decontamination process.	Local resources to be used to provide decontamination support in accordance with NSW DPI approved methods.
Support activities to reduce the spread of disease.	Movement controls under Biosecurity Act including Control Orders and permits to move may be established. An example is a livestock standstill, initially for 72 hours, may be implemented to contain and prevent the spread of an emergency animal disease/pest. Enforcement will be achieved through dissemination of information to primary producers and the public, roadside signage, vigilance of NSWPF, LLS and members of the public.
Maintain essential services to humans directly impacted by quarantine or exclusion zones.	Assist with coordination or supply of local welfare support needs for those impacted by quarantine or exclusion zones.

6. ACTIONS

Item	Responsibility	Actions/Details
Livestock standstill	NSWDPI/LLS NSWPF Transport FA Local Council	NSWPF, Transport Functional Area (Transport FA) and LLS to assist with enforcement of the livestock standstill. Transport FA and Glen Innes Severn Council to assist with roadside signage and controls. Other agencies may be used where capability supports the task/s.
Exclusion zones and Emergency Zones	NSW DPI/LLS NSWPF Local Council Transport FA RFS/SES	DPI Legal Section will prepare legal instruments for the identification of exclusion zones and emergency zones. Where roadblocks are necessary NSW Police Force (NSWPF), Transport FA and Glen Innes Severn Council will be requested to provide roadside signage and controls. Rural Fire Service (RFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) may also be requested to support in the form of personnel.
Traffic management	NSWPF Transport FA Local Council RFS/SES Traffic Management Contractors	NSWPF close road utilising Council, SES and RFS resources. Glen Innes Severn Council to implement local traffic control plan. Transport to activate incident response plan for relevant roads. Police to hand over traffic management responsibility to Transport FA/Glen Innes Severn Council as soon as possible.
Public information	NSW DPI PIFAC	NSW DPI will develop a public information plan in cooperation with the Public Information Functional Area Coordinator (PIFAC). Glen Innes Severn Council and supporting agencies will be required to provide a link to DPI website on their agency websites.
Destruction	NSW DPI/LLS Agencies/contractors with relevant capability	DPI/LLS may approach private practitioners to provide suitable veterinary officers to conduct stock destruction. Other agencies with the appropriate capability may be used to support the NSW DPI approved destruction methods for both animals and plants.
Disposal	Engineering Services FA Environmental Services FA Local Council Transport FA	Identify and prepare suitable approved disposal sites. Glen Innes Severn Council may be asked to assist with the provision of heavy plant and equipment.
Decontamination	NSW DPI/LLS Engineering Services FA Transport FA FRNSW RFS/SES	The Controller will utilise the assistance of Engineering Services Functional Area (ESFA) and Transport FA to identify and establish decontamination points. Support may also be sought from Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW), RFS, SES in the form of equipment and/or personnel.
Environmental Issues	Environmental Services FA	Environmental Services FA to provide advice on disposal sites where not already identified, waste management and potential environmental and community risk from the biosecurity threat. Coordinate soil and water sampling and analysis and facilitate air monitoring.
Public health	NSW Health	Provide human health advice and support on diseases which may spread from animals to humans (zoonotic diseases).
Waterways	Transport FA DPI (Fisheries)	Close waterways and provide warnings, signage and water transport as necessary.
Primary producers	DPI/LLS NSW Farmers Assoc	Liaise with primary producers regarding impacts and requirements.
Welfare support services	Welfare Functional Area NSW Health	Provide welfare support services to those (particularly primary producers and communities) impacted by a biosecurity emergency including personal support and emergency accommodation
Workplace Health & Safety	All Agencies	All agencies to ensure appropriate PPE is issued and worn by everyone at the emergency site. Ensure food provisions and water is provided to onsite workers.

7. RECOVERY

Depending on the extent of the response, a hazard recovery plan may be developed, and a Recovery Coordinator may be appointed. NSW DPI will partner with affected industry sectors and peak bodies to return businesses to production and assist with market access. This may involve surveillance programs, compliance activities, communication, and research programs.

- Loss of immediate and long-term agricultural business and trade
- Welfare needs of affected primary producers
- Welfare needs of remaining stock
- Restrictions on movement of feed/water
- Needs of affected supporting local businesses
- Impact on tourism
- Damage to national reputation
- Proof of freedom

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- State Biosecurity (Animal and Plant) EmergencySub-Plan
- AUSVETPLAN
- AQUAVETPLAN
- PLANTPLAN
- Relevant Emergency Animal Disease Response Plan (EADRP)
- State/Local Emergency Management Plan

10. VULNERABLE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

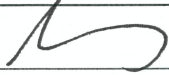

Name	Type	Address
Glen Innes Regional Saleyards	Saleyards	Cnr Lang & Bradley's Lane, Glen Innes - 0409 324 741
Rangers Valley Feedlot	Feedlot	1304 Rangers Valley Rd, Glen Innes – 02 6734 4000
Ausgoat Depot	Abattoir	Cherry Tree Hill, 14 Winters Rd, Glen Innes – 02 6732 2144
River Gum Free Range Eggs	Poultry	Whitmore Rd, Yarrowford – 02 6732 5577
Glen Innes Showground	Showground	10 Torrington St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 1744

9. EVACUATION CENTRES

Name & Address	Capacity
Glen Innes Showground, 10 Torrington St, Glen Innes – 02 6732 1744	300
Glen Innes Regional Saleyards, Cnr Lang St & Bradley's Lane, Glen Innes - 0409 324 741	As needed.

11. NOTES

Saleyards and showgrounds, which are listed as evacuation centres, could be considered vulnerable or high risk when large numbers of livestock and people are onsite.

Endorsed	LEMC Chair 	LEOCON/Combat Agency 
Date	24-5-24	James PARSONS Inspector – Glen Innes 22/5/2024