

## **NBRT professional development session – what resources are needed nationally using the NASOPS as a starting point?**

Three NBRT Operations cohort and one NBRT planning cohort member were present for the session, facilitated by Malcolm Anderson, in Toowoomba 3 May 2019.

### 1. General insights

- The majority of NASOPs require minor to significant updates.
- It was recommended that NASOPs be grouped according to their area so they are easier to find on the webpage (e.g. categories such as general, national, operations, field operations, FMD) – see appendix 1
- A number of resources were identified that would be ‘nice to have’ and very useful for the NBRT – however they would not need to be nationally agreed and could be housed on the NBRT SharePoint site
- It was noted that jurisdictions already hold a number of these resources. To avoid duplication and waste of resources, these jurisdictional resources could be housed on the NBRT SharePoint site as reference materials for the NBRT.

### 2. Discussion on specific NASOPS

- Property status identification
  - Related more to property status management rather than identification
  - Should include processes for changing status
  - Needs to include systems for verification and auditing/constant checking
  - Some definitions not consistent with definitions in other sources
- Conducting and receiving handovers
  - Some participants recommended using the debrief format for handovers rather than SMEAC – situation, what we have done, what is outstanding and issues. A checklist can be included for admin and Command and control
  - Include in handover notes – where things are in the drive, links.
- Conducting briefings in a biosecurity response
  - This refers to briefing down (allocation of tasks) – a different format is required for briefing up (status update/situation update to brief up)
- Collecting EAD samples for lab testing
  - References NASOPs that don't exist anymore
  - Some content incorrect i.e. taking samples back to the LCC instead of straight to lab
- Inspection of property before operational activities
  - Alternative name – property appreciation, site assessment
  - Personnel who need to inspect the property – IPOP supervisor, Operations manager and someone from Planning
  - Mixed messages – need to remove part about activities occurring while this is occurring
  - Note: some good content for this included in VIC and QLD IPSS courses
- Establishing checkpoints for EAD movement control

- Needs police under resources and authorities at the start of the document
  - Remove old references
- Manage security of a saleyard – during a stock standstill
    - Update duration of standstill – would be a minimum of 72 hours
    - Contains too much detail that might be variable
- Stop and search vehicles at checkpoint
    - Remove stopping vehicles – agricultural agencies don't have this power
    - Purpose – to cover searching only (take out stop)
    - Resources – add police or Roads/Maritime person (i.e. a person authorised to stop vehicles in your state)
3. Separate NASOPs that could be combined into one
- Biosecure transport of contaminated carcasses and material – during road transport; and Loading and unloading of carcasses and materials for biosecure transport
  - Decontamination of groups of people – entry and exit procedures; and
  - Decontamination of large equipment
4. NASOPs do not need to be publicly available;
- The following FMD vaccination NASOPs, as they are specific to FMD vaccination;
    - Ordering of FMD vaccine and distribution to states and territories
    - Vaccinating livestock on a property for FMD
    - Assessing and inspecting a property prior to admin FMD vaccine
    - Control of FMD vaccine at a designated vaccination centre
  - Managing aerial shooting – principles for consideration
    - As jurisdictions have specific SOPs and procedures for this
5. New resources
- It was discussed that resources on the following would be useful to have available, but not as a NASOP;
    - Developing IAPs
    - Risk assessment/developing a risk culture
    - Developing SITREPs
    - Additional resources/training for premises classification
    - Developing surveillance and tracing plans
    - Procedure for document control in the control centre

## Appendix 1 – suggested groupings for NASOPs

Category	NASOP
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property status identification</li> <li>Conducting debriefings in a biosecurity response</li> <li>Conducting and receiving handovers</li> <li>Conducting briefings in a biosecurity response</li> <li>Management of livestock in transit at the time a national standstill is declared</li> <li>Determining whether an EAD can be eradicated</li> <li>Selecting an LDCC location</li> <li>Inspection of property before operational activities</li> </ul>
Operations (general)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement controls</li> <li>Establishing checkpoints for EAD movement control</li> <li>Manage security of a saleyard – during a stock standstill</li> <li>Stop and search vehicles at checkpoint</li> </ul>
Operations (Infected Premises)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biosecure transport of contaminated carcasses and material – during road transport</li> <li>Loading and unloading of carcasses and materials for biosecure transport</li> <li>Decontamination of groups of people – entry and exit procedures</li> <li>Decontamination of large equipment</li> <li>Personal decontamination – entry and exit procedure</li> </ul>
Other field operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working safely in estuarine crocodile habitats</li> </ul>
FMD specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccinating livestock on a property for FMD</li> <li>Assessing and inspecting a property prior to admin FMD vaccine</li> <li>Control of FMD vaccine at a designated vaccination centre</li> </ul>