



ORD VALLEY GUARD STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 – 2028



VISION 2024

A biosecure and productive ORIA that supports present and future generations

MISSION

To minimise the introduction, establishment, and negative impact of plant health threats in the ORIA region by, creating a regional biosecurity framework and operational structure to collaboratively address and enhance awareness of regional biosecurity issues throughout the community.

OBJECTIVES KPIs annual review - February

1. Greater confidence in Ord Valley pest status through risk-based surveillance planning and collection of data on pest presence and absence *(data base functional)*
2. A more informed Ord Valley community with greater biosecurity understanding and commitment to surveillance *(community survey baseline, then 20%pa improvement years 1-3)*
3. Plant industries that are more resilient and prepared for future pest threats *(identify a preparedness scale and track)*
4. Improved collaboration and trust between partners that supports shared biosecurity goals. *(continued funding and participation in Ord Valley Guard governance)*

STRATEGIES

1. Improve planning, prioritisation, preparedness, and coordination for surveillance	2. Improve surveillance delivery through data capture, quality, and access	3. Increase effective engagement, awareness, and communication	4. Create an inclusive Ord Valley Guard governance structure and a robust funding model
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TACTICS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key pathways and pests to focus operational activities 2. Increased awareness of current and emerging biosecurity threats to plant industries and the ORIA environment. 3. Develop and implement programs to minimise the incursion of exotic and regional plant pests 4. Increased capability to detect and respond to new pests and reduce spread of established pests and weeds through action strategies and collaborative projects 5. Engage the synergies with the NT across a range of industries in preparedness and management planning 6. Effective risk management underpins decision making. 7. Provide support to Wyndham Port as first point of entry and Federal quarantine capability to service this port. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An integrated, secure, data driven and technology-enabled biosecurity system overseas, at our border and within Australia 2. Biosecurity management is underpinned by science and technology-based innovative solutions 3. Collaborative surveillance activities to enable early-detection and rapid response. 4. Map the people across industry with monitoring capacity and identification skills and align the priority focus. 5. Implement proactive and forward-looking approaches to surveillance and prevention activities in northern Australia. 6. Engage with DPIRD's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator based in Broome to roll out capacity building on responses to emergency management of incursions. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a communications plan with season messaging and identifies stakeholder groups (farm and community). 2. Invest in communication and decision-making around biosecurity issues 3. Support training of landholders and stakeholders to adopt sound biosecurity practices in key areas of pest incursion management, on-farm, and area biosecurity 4. Improved information on pest status to support market access and maintenance 5. Consider the impact from the expansion of Ord Stage 2 across State and Territory borders and the implications for quarantine and produce movement. 6. Engage with tourism which may contribute to biosecurity concerns by movement of people, produce and equipment from temperate and tropical areas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a funded and registered body to take responsibility. 2. A strong, ongoing commitment by government, industry, and the community to carry out their evolving roles and responsibilities as part of the biosecurity system 3. A funding and investment model that will resource program activities and is sustainable for the long-term 4. Employ an Executive Officer for OVG requiring \$120k pa to operate. 5. A workforce that has the capacity, skills, and flexibility to prepare for and respond to emerging biosecurity risks, challenges and opportunities 6. A regulatory environment that supports response to current and future biosecurity challenges and opportunities 7. Policies and programs are transparent, consistent and evidence based
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Ord Valley Guard – protecting our local production



Strategy 1: Improve planning, prioritisation, preparedness, and coordination for surveillance

	Tactic	Actions - How we will go about it	Who we need to involve / consult	What resources do we need	Finish by date
1.	Identify key pathways and pests to focus operational activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a list of key pests for ORIA considering the proximity of pests, potential impacts on market access • Evaluate pathways such as wind, soil borne diseases and select one to focus activities • Examine compliance with machinery washdown and facilities available to support compliance • Examine management of plants and seedlings to assess the risk of this pathway • Source data providers to help answer questions and keep these lists current 			
2	Increased awareness of current and emerging biosecurity threats to plant industries and the environment of the ORIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to develop key message for wider community e.g. respect property, agriculture, products • Focus on high traffic venues for communications materials e.g. border, airport, hire cars, tour companies • Identify a biosecurity ambassador • Develop a booklet for/about agriculture in ORIA with biosecurity messaging in there • Conduct briefings on biosecurity for tour operators, chamber of commerce, BAH 			
3	Develop and implement programs to minimise the incursion of exotic and regional plant pests.				
4	Increased capability to detect and respond to new pests and reduce spread of established pests and weeds through action strategies and collaborative projects				
5	Engage the synergies with the NT across a range of industries in preparedness and management planning.				
6	Effective risk management underpins decision making.				
7	Provide support to Wyndham Port as first point of entry and Federal quarantine capability to service this port.				



Strategy 2: Improve surveillance delivery through data capture, quality, and access

	Tactic	Actions - How we will go about it	Who we need to involve / consult	What resources do we need	Finish by date
1.	An integrated, secure, data driven and technology-enabled biosecurity system oversees, at our border and within Australia				
2	Biosecurity management is underpinned by science and technology-based innovative solutions				
3	Collaborative surveillance activities to enable early-detection and rapid response.				
4	Map the people across industry with monitoring capacity and identification skills and align the priority focus.				
5	Implement proactive and forward-looking approaches to surveillance and prevention activities in northern Australia.				
6	Engage with DPIRD's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator based in Broome to roll out capacity building on responses to emergency management of incursions.				



Strategy 3: Increase effective engagement, awareness, and communication

	Tactic	Actions - How we will go about it	Who we need to involve / consult	What resources do we need	Finish by date
1.	Create a communications plan with season messaging and identifies stakeholder groups (farm and community).				
2	Invest in communication and decision-making around biosecurity issues				
3	Support training of landholders and stakeholders to adopt sound biosecurity practices in key areas of pest incursion management, on-farm, and area biosecurity				
4	Improved information on pest status to support market access and maintenance				
5	Consider the impact from the expansion of Ord Stage 2 across State and Territory borders and the implications for quarantine and produce movement.				
6	Engage with tourism which may contribute to biosecurity concerns by movement of people, produce and equipment from temperate and tropical areas.				



Strategy 4: Create an inclusive Ord Valley Guard governance structure and a robust funding model

	Tactic	Actions - How we will go about it	Who we need to involve / consult	What resources do we need	Finish by date
1.	Establish a funded and registered body to take responsibility.				
2	A strong, ongoing commitment by government, industry, and the community to carry out their evolving roles and responsibilities as part of the biosecurity system				
3	A funding and investment model that will resource program activities and is sustainable for the long-term				
4	Employ an Executive Officer for OVG requiring \$120k pa to operate.				
5	A workforce that has the capacity, skills, and flexibility to prepare for and respond to emerging biosecurity risks, challenges and opportunities				
6	A regulatory environment that supports response to current and future biosecurity challenges and opportunities				
7	Policies and programs are transparent, consistent and evidence based				