1. Queensland faces greater biosecurity risks than most other parts of Australia due to factors such as climate change, geographic proximity to our Asia-Pacific neighbours, population growth and expanding trade and business. Pests and diseases pose a real risk to Queensland’s $13 billion primary industries sector, our tourism industry and our unique environment and way of life. Biosecurity is the mitigation of these pest and disease risks.
2. This is the first Biosecurity Strategy for Queensland and sets the strategic direction for biosecurity in Queensland over a five year period from 2009 until 2014. Based on the principle that biosecurity is the responsibility of all Queenslanders, the Strategy provides a framework for the development of a modern biosecurity system, in the context of the State’s national biosecurity arrangements and obligations. The goals for biosecurity in Queensland are to:

* Prevent exotic pests and diseases from entering, spreading or becoming established in Queensland.
* Ensure significant pests and diseases already in Queensland are contained, suppressed or managed.
* Contribute to the maintenance of Australia’s favourable national and international reputation for freedom from many pests and diseases, market access for agricultural commodities, product safety and integrity and diverse ecosystem sustainability.

1. Cabinet approved the Queensland Biosecurity Strategy as the basis for the strategic direction of biosecurity in Queensland over the next five years.
2. Cabinet approved the public release of the Queensland Biosecurity Strategy to facilitate ongoing engagement with stakeholders and the Queensland community on biosecurity.
3. *Attachments*

* [Queensland Biosecurity Strategy](Attachments/Qld-BiosecurityStrategy-2009-14.pdf)
  + [Queensland Biosecurity Strategy – Part 1 (pp 1 – 10)](Attachments/Qld-BiosecurityStrategy-2009-14-Part1.pdf)
  + [Queensland Biosecurity Strategy – Part 2 (pp 11 – 18)](Attachments/Qld-BiosecurityStrategy-2009-14-Part2.pdf)
  + [Queensland Biosecurity Strategy – Part 3 (pp 19 – 26)](Attachments/Qld-BiosecurityStrategy-2009-14-Part3.pdf)
  + [Queensland Biosecurity Strategy – Part 4 (pp 27 – 42)](Attachments/Qld-BiosecurityStrategy-2009-14-Part4.pdf)