



Livestock Biosecurity Network Pty Ltd

## **Livestock Biosecurity Network Regional Officer**

***The Livestock Biosecurity Network is currently recruiting for a Regional Officer in New South Wales***

Regional officers will work with livestock industries on biosecurity, animal health & welfare with a focus on endemic & exotic diseases

Livestock Biosecurity Officers will be located in the following states: Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales, Victoria and the Northern Territory.

### **Background**

LBN was established in 2012 following two years of planning and contemplation from three Peak Industry Councils – Cattle Council of Australia, Sheepmeat Council of Australia and Wool Producers of Australia. The initiative is designed to establish a small network of state-based officers to assist in information delivery to the end user.

### **Purpose of Role**

The main function of the state-based officers is to help ensure that the livestock industry is prepared for and understands its key role in surveillance, detection, reporting and acceptance in the event of an exotic disease incursion into Australia or for the detection of endemic diseases in their region.

State-based officers through networks and key influencers will increase the end user understanding of animal welfare issues, biosecurity, emergency animal disease responses and disease surveillance, detection and reporting to increase Australia's preparedness for an exotic disease incursion.

### **Key Responsibilities**

1. To build a network of collaborating organisations and within these organisations identify key influencers.
2. Provide key influencers with up-to-date information to ensure consistent and appropriate messages.
3. Develop a minimum of five networks in the state bringing together veterinarians, livestock agents, government groups, saleyard operators, abattoirs and consultants. Networks will then promote the interests of industry to colleagues and producers and identify relevant gaps and issues in their area.



4. Establish a working and collaborative partnership with the state/territory government organisations and respective officers in their area.
5. Understand the programs being run and the latest extension information provided by each state department. Working together to complement programs run by government organisations.
6. Promote awareness of animal welfare and biosecurity to end users.
7. Participate in industry events, seminars and field days.
8. Source appropriate information from Animal Health Australia and/or the Peak Industry Councils on relevant matters concerning animal health, welfare and biosecurity issues in their region.
9. Be well informed on matters in the industry relating to animal health, welfare and biosecurity.
10. Provide feedback to the National Manager on matters and events happening in the industry in their area.
11. Prepare reports and other documentation as require for submission to the Board or the Peak Industry Councils.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. Knowledge of animal production systems and particularly animal health and welfare aspects would be advantageous.
2. Well developed interpersonal and communication skills, both oral and written, and ability to represent the company professionally within the industry on a face-to-face basis.
3. Project management skills with the ability to deliver results against tight deadlines and prioritise work in a changing environment.
4. Be self-motivated and be able to work alone and as part of a small tem.
5. Possess comprehensive computer skills and be comfortable in using current telecommunications technology.

### **Qualifications/Special requirements**

A tertiary qualification, knowledge and experience within the livestock industry would be advantageous.



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### **More information and making an application**

For more information and to discuss the position and location please contact the National Manager, Livestock Biosecurity Network on 02 6269 5621 / [info@lbn.org.au](mailto:info@lbn.org.au).

Closing date for applications: cob Monday, 22 July 2013

All applications should include a cover letter addressing the key responsibilities and selection criteria and be forwarded to [info@lbn.org.au](mailto:info@lbn.org.au)