

Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Action Plan

This document details the actions (and responsibilities) that are to be undertaken in the event that an emergency disease outbreak is suspected on-farm.

[A] Important Contact Details

	Name	Contact Number
Property name or PIC number		
Manager		
Person responsible for the EAD Action Plan		
Consultant veterinarian		
District veterinary officer		
Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline		1800 675 888

[B] Management Commitment

Management undertakes that unfamiliar signs of disease will be investigated, and the following actions undertaken, without delay, if an emergency disease is suspected.

[C] Action Plan

Develop an action plan allocating responsibilities to relevant personnel.

1. Contact the relevant authority through the district veterinary officer or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline 1800 675 888.

Responsibility:

2. Follow all instructions as directed by the relevant authority.

Responsibility:

3. **Do not dispatch any livestock** from the farm until authorised by the relevant authority.

Responsibility:

4. Ensure suspect livestock are **isolated** within the farm.
[Responsibility:](#)
5. Ensure companion animals of the suspect livestock are **segregated** from other livestock.
[Responsibility:](#)
6. Ensure movement of all other livestock within the farm, and surrounds, is **restricted**.
[Responsibility:](#)
7. Delay or halt the shipment of livestock onto the farm.
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8. Delay or halt the delivery of all non-essential commodities.
[Responsibility:](#)
9. Secure the farm perimeter, limiting access to the farm and ensuring all vehicles and visitors only enter the farm under controlled conditions.
[Responsibility:](#)
10. Remove unnecessary personnel and machinery from livestock feeding and holding areas.
[Responsibility:](#)
11. Ensure that any personnel, equipment or machinery do not leave the farm until authorised by the relevant authority.
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12. Compile a list of all livestock (number of head, identification and location), personnel and machinery movements over the past seven days. Prepare a site plan that details current allocations of livestock.
[Responsibility:](#)
13. Ensure all staff are made aware of the actions being taken and their individual responsibilities towards the action plan.
[Responsibility:](#)
14. Ensure that customers are advised if they are immediately affected by the delay in the supply of livestock.
[Responsibility:](#)
15. If an emergency disease is identified, the farm will follow the requirements of the AUSVETPLAN, and directions from the relevant authority.
[Responsibility:](#)