

ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSECURITY SURVEY 2016

Would your party...	Yes	No	Comments
1 Implement all the unanimous recommendations of the 2015 Senate inquiry into environmental biosecurity?	✓		
2 Establish Environment Health Australia to improve environmental biosecurity preparedness, involve the community and identify research, surveillance and prevention priorities (modelled on the industry-government partnerships Plant Health Australia and Animal Health Australia)?	✓		we support a national environmental agency to monitor a range of issues including biosecurity preparedness.
3 Establish a permanent national research centre for prevention of environmentally invasive species, building on the successful weed and invasive animal cooperative research centre model and focusing on prevention, early action, and on the full range of invasive species – insects, weeds, plants, feral animals, pathogens and marine invaders?	✓		we support funding for research into these issues by existing research agencies.
4 Commit to a target of achieving a net reduction in the environmental impacts of invasive species within five years, to conducting the necessary baseline assessment of impacts, methods and funding required, and production of a national plan to achieve the target?	✓		
5 Seek a CoAG agreement to legislate risk-based limits on the movement of invasive non-native (weedy) plants and if the states don't agree within one year, create national regulation under the existing provisions of the EPBC Act?	✓		
6 Develop and implement a national plan to reduce the risks of environmental damage from both legal and illegal keeping of exotic fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians?	✓		
7 Create an offshore islands eradications program to undertake high impact invasive species eradications of and implement a national island biosecurity initiative to prevent new invasions of our offshore islands?	✓		
8 Establish a 'Minister for Biosecurity' to administer biosecurity laws and policies strongly and fairly across all sectors?		✓	while the Glenn Lazarus team supports your intentions, this role would form part of the Minister for the Environment's portfolio.
9 Initiate a Productivity Commission review of environmental biosecurity to determine the costs and benefits of improved biosecurity measures?	✓		
10 Establish world-leading national regulation of ballast water and biofouling, including mandatory domestic regulation, to protect the Great Barrier Reef and Australia's whole marine environment?	✓		
11 Commit to providing adequate on-going funding, over the medium-term and if needed the long-term, for the containment and ultimate eradication of lethal red fire ants and poison-spraying yellow crazy ants from Australia?	✓		
12 Prepare a State of Biosecurity Report by the end of 2017 that objectively reports on Australia's performance and state of preparedness to respond to high risk biosecurity threats facing the environment, agriculture and society?	✓		