

# THE TURNBULL COALITION TEAM

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Dear Mr Cox,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the views of the Coalition on important issues facing your members. On behalf of the Coalition Members of Parliament and candidates I am pleased to respond to your survey.

Australia's future depends on how well we can continue to grow and shape our economy.

Only the Liberal and National Parties have an **economic plan** to do that and ensure Australia's future.

We have a clear plan to transition the economy from the mining and investment boom to a stronger and more diverse economy.

The key elements of our national economic plan for jobs and growth are:

- An Innovation and Science programme bringing Australian ideas to market. This means greater investment and more jobs and opportunities for our young people;
- A New Defence Industry plan that will secure an advanced defence manufacturing industry in Australia. This will create thousands of new hi-tech, higher paying jobs;
- Export Trade Deals that will generate more than 19,000 new export opportunities. These will create many more jobs for our urban and regional families;
- New Tax Incentives, which will include tax cuts for more small businesses. More than two million businesses can benefit, to deliver more growth and jobs; and
- A Strong New Economy with more than 200,000 jobs expected to be created.

Our national economic plan and management is already paying dividends. Last year our economy continued to grow creating almost 300,000 new jobs, many of them in small business.

We cannot put economic growth and the jobs that come with it at risk with a return to Labor and their debt and deficits, high taxing, big spending ideas.

Only a Liberal and National Party Government can protect Australia's future.

Once announced, our policies will be available at [www.liberal.org.au](http://www.liberal.org.au) and [www.nationals.org.au](http://www.nationals.org.au).

Thank you for communicating the Coalition's commitments to your members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several distinct strokes that form the name 'Tony Nutt'.

Tony Nutt  
National Campaign Director

## COALITION RESPONSE TO INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The Coalition recognises biosecurity as vital in protecting our flora and fauna from introduced diseases and pests and maintaining Australia's enviable pest and disease free status.

Strong biosecurity requires sufficient resources and capability, which is why the Coalition Government committed an additional \$300 million to strengthen biosecurity efforts via the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper. This includes \$200 million over four years to improve Biosecurity surveillance and analysis, and the delivery of \$100 million to help farmers manage pest animals and weeds and to provide emergency response to exotic pest and disease incursions.

The Coalition is undertaking the most significant overhaul of Australia's biosecurity system in 100 years with the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, which replaced the *Quarantine Act 1908*, which is paving the way for modern and flexible support for Australia's biosecurity system, a vital measure in protecting our \$58 billion agriculture industry and unique environment.

The new legislation follows consultation with stakeholders, clients and the community. It protects our vital agricultural industries and the capacity for our nation to produce and export the highest quality, clean and sustainably produced agricultural goods to the world.

The Turnbull Government has appointed Dr Helen Scott-Orr PSM as the inaugural Inspector-General of Biosecurity under the new *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

The Coalition has been undertaking an independent review of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity, an essential component of the national biosecurity system.

Just recently the Coalition committed to an \$8.8 million funding package to help eradicate Yellow Crazy Ants and tackle tramp ants in Far North Queensland.

These measures stand as proof of the Coalition's commitment to our Biosecurity system. In contrast when Labor was in Government they cut the Department of Agriculture budget and slashed funding for agricultural industries and the communities they support from \$3.8 billion to \$1.86 billion. Labor also cut tens of millions of dollars from quarantine services.