

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

QFF welcomed the opportunity to provide comment on the Department of Environment and Science's discussion paper for an Independent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Arguments can be made for and against establishing an independent EPA. See QFF's submission to the consultation [HERE](#). All QFF's submissions can be found [HERE](#).

2.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has announced the establishment of Biosecurity Response Zones at international airports across Australia. These zones support the government's strengthened response measures at the border to mitigate the risk of FMD and other threats entering and establishing. Read more [HERE](#).

3.

On 1 July, the ACCC commenced a Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry and released a consultation paper seeking submissions particularly from those likely to use regional mobile infrastructure such as farming businesses based in regional and rural areas. Submissions are due

on 5 August and the consultation paper is available [HERE](#).

4.

Do you know somebody making an outstanding contribution to the agriculture, fisheries, or forestry sectors? Nominate them for the Peter Kenny Medal and Minister's Emerging Leader Award which celebrates the passionate innovators and key influencers in our sectors. Nominations close 2 September. More information [HERE](#).

5.

The National Farmers' Federation, in collaboration with DAFF and industry, is expertly leading the monitoring of biosecurity issues at the national level, particularly of the Foot and Mouth Disease detection in Indonesia. The NFF website is a wealth of up-to-date information and resources for current and ongoing issues. Visit [HERE](#).

6.

Long Paddock's rainfall poster maps have been [updated](#). The maps show data from April 2021 to March 2022 in comparison to each year as far back as 1890. Check out the new posters for rainfall, tropical cyclone, pasture growth, and wet and dry periods. These resources are delivered by the Queensland Government's Drought and Climate Adaptation Program. Read the CSIRO's latest paper on Queensland's multi-year wet and dry periods [HERE](#).

7.

The Bureau of Meteorology has developed new extreme climate and weather outlook tools and graphs with more detail on unseasonal rainfall and temperatures. There is a new 'Chance of 3-day totals' map, and more information for any location. These could assist in managing your farm business. Find the tools [HERE](#).

8.

Registrations are now open for Farmsafe Australia's 'Farmsafe Conference 2022: Recipe for Averting Disaster' which will take place on 14 and 15 September in Canberra. Register [HERE](#). Farmsafe have also announced the development of a cookbook titled: Recipe for Averting Disaster. The [cookbook](#) is being developed as an avenue for real Aussie farmers to share their produce, family traditions and safe practices; all with the purpose to build awareness around farm safe protocols.

9.

Tune in to QFF's Farm Business Hour on 27 July to discuss managing your greatest asset: your workforce. A timely discussion, given that in recent years we have weathered major drought impacts, floods, increased production costs, diminished access to labour and the supply chain disruptions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. See more details and register [HERE](#). Registration gives you the option to view the recording at a later date if you can't make the live broadcast.

10.

A reminder to have your say on the draft Queensland Low Emissions Agriculture Roadmap 2022-32, to reduce agriculture emissions and increase carbon farming. Check out the roadmap and provide your feedback through the survey. Consultation closes 10 August 2022. More information [HERE](#).



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