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### JOIN THE BIOSECURITY CONVERSATION IN AUSTRALIA!

The Gold Coast will be abuzz with all things biosecurity on 12-13 June 2019, when government, industry and other interested parties unite for the inaugural *Australian Biosecurity Symposium*.

Hosted by Animal Health Australia (AHA), the Invasive Species Council (ISC) and the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions (CISS), the theme of the Symposium is preventative biosecurity practices and will focus on research and innovation, outside-of-the-box thinking and the exchange of knowledge and ideas across the biosecurity collective – agriculture (animals and plants), pest animals, weeds, wildlife, aquatics and the environment.

The symposium will provide the ideal platform for diverse cross-sectoral discussion on biosecurity in Australia, said Kathleen Plowman, AHA CEO.

“This is the first symposium in Australia that will bring together multiple sectors working on biosecurity to collectively discuss innovation and priorities in this area. It will allow participants to develop new concepts, share and test ideas, seek advice, build new partnerships and engage in challenging discussions that stimulate debate and energy,” said Ms Plowman.

Andrew Cox, CEO of ISC, said a core purpose of the Symposium was to inspire outside-of-the-box thinking.

“The Symposium will focus on new innovations, novel ideas and cutting-edge approaches to biosecurity. We want to hear the best ideas in traditional biosecurity fields, as well as breakthroughs from other fields such as health, disaster management, security and technology,” said Mr Cox.

Andreas Glanznig, CEO of the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions, said the Symposium provides an unprecedented opportunity for interested parties to network and collaborate.

“It will foster connections and stimulate information sharing that will strengthen Australia’s animal health and biosecurity system. We encourage anyone interested in biosecurity to come along and be part of this important conversation.”

Early bird registration is open until 5pm 29 March 2019.

Abstract submissions are open until 5pm Friday 15 February 2019. All interested parties, including students, are encouraged to make a submission.

A number of sponsorship, exhibition and promotional opportunities are also available.

For more information about the 2019 Australian Biosecurity Symposium visit [www.biosym.com.au](http://www.biosym.com.au).

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**About Animal Health Australia:** Animal Health Australia is a not-for-profit public company that facilitates innovative partnerships between governments, major livestock industries and other stakeholders to protect animal health and the sustainability of Australia’s livestock industry

**About Invasive Species Council:** The Invasive Species Council was formed in 2002 to keep the Australian environment safe from weeds, feral animals and other harmful invaders and focuses on prevention and early action.

**About the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions:** The Centre for Invasive Species Solution is a national collaborative research, development and extension organisation, formed to tackle the ongoing threat from invasive species.