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A new partnership ushers in an era of strengthened on-farm biosecurity

September has seen the emergence of a revitalised Livestock Biosecurity Network (LBN) under the capable stewardship of Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Cattle Council of Australia (CCA).

LBN has concluded its three-year pilot program and will continue its exemplary on-farm biosecurity work as a subsidiary of AHA, said AHA Chairman Mr Peter Milne.

“Over the past few months, AHA has been working closely with the LBN Board and CCA representatives to finalise the subsidiary model.

“I’m pleased to announce that the collective good-will of the three organisations has led to an end product that will enhance its reach, maximise synergies and reduce duplications – all for the shared goal of enhanced on-farm biosecurity practices for the extensive industries,” said Mr Milne.

The new model will also carry on the excellent work already undertaken by the LBN Board and Regional Managers, with a continued focus on practice change on-farm and throughout the supply chain, said CCA CEO Mr Jed Matz.

“LBN has provided so much support to producers over the last three years and Cattle Council is thrilled to continue supporting the program.

“The program will continue to facilitate practice change on-farm through producer workshops and encourage strong biosecurity management throughout the supply chain,” said Mr Matz.

The LBN subsidiary model has equal representation on its Board of Directors from CCA and AHA, with a yet to be determined Independent Chair.

AHA and CCA congratulate the LBN Board and staff for their outstanding work to-date, and look forward to the many opportunities the new LBN subsidiary model affords the beef cattle industry in enhancing their on-farm and supply chain biosecurity practices.

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AHA works in partnership with our Members and other stakeholders to keep Australia free of new and emerging diseases and to improve animal health, enhance market access and foster resilience and integrity of the Australian animal health system.

About Cattle Council of Australia

CCA is the peak producer organisation representing Australia's beef cattle producers. Cattle Council strive to represent and progress the interests of Australian beef cattle producers through wide and regular consultation with, and policy advice to, key industry organisations as well as relevant Federal Government Departments and other bodies regarding issues of national and international importance.