

INDUSTRY NOTICE

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DRAFT SA BIOSECURITY BILL AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

Vinehealth Australia advises industry that the development of the new Biosecurity Act has reached a new milestone, with a draft Bill now available for review. This Bill has been drafted based on feedback from previous consultations and submissions since the work began in 2019. The draft Bill once passed through Parliament will become an Act.

According to PIRSA, the draft Biosecurity Bill is proposed to:

- Ensure protection from pests and diseases that threaten our economy, terrestrial and aquatic environments or may affect public amenities, communities and infrastructure;
- Provide South Australia with a modern, flexible and responsive biosecurity framework;
- Bring consistency to the management of biosecurity across industries, by incorporating a number of biosecurity related Acts; and
- Promote shared responsibility for biosecurity amongst government, industry and community.

Public consultation is now underway until **26 September 2023** for stakeholders to have their say on the draft Biosecurity Bill.

We remind industry that the *Phylloxera and Grape Industry Act 1995* was originally one of the Acts identified to be repealed and incorporated into this Bill, however this is no longer the case.

A free **grape and wine industry webinar** is being held on Tuesday 22 August at 3.30pm to provide an opportunity for industry members to learn about the bill. [Register here](#).

You can also learn about the Biosecurity Bill by:

- Reading the [draft Biosecurity Bill](#)
- Reading the [draft Biosecurity Bill overview](#)
- Reading the [draft Biosecurity Bill explanatory guide](#)
- Reading the [draft Biosecurity Bill information sheet](#)
- Watching the [introductory video](#)

Feedback to the draft Biosecurity Bill can be provided to PIRSA by completing a survey via [YourSAy](#). While we encourage anyone in the wine industry to consider a submission, we understand this is difficult without first understanding the consequential impacts to the *Phylloxera and Grape Industry Act 1995*, as a result of the draft Biosecurity Bill.

Vinehealth Australia has sought Crown Solicitor Advice to assist in understanding these impacts on the powers and functions of the *Phylloxera and Grape Industry Act 1995*. Once we have this information, we will be better equipped to advise industry.

Our focus will be on:

- Ensuring that strong biosecurity arrangements continue for the industry;
- Identifying opportunities for the grape and wine industries and Vinehealth Australia;
- Ensuring the intent of the *Phylloxera and Grape Industry Act 1995* is not compromised by this new Biosecurity Act; and
- Identifying updates that will be required to the PGI Act to reference the new Biosecurity Act.