

VINEHEALTH AUSTRALIA FOCUS AREAS FOR 2024 – 2026

To be read in conjunction with the Strategic Agenda 2021 to 2026

Vinehealth Australia's key biosecurity focus areas are presented in three pillars of prevention, preparedness and response, and represent work against priority pests and diseases, with phylloxera at the core. To ensure ongoing protection of South Australia's viticultural assets, Vinehealth Australia must deliver education and awareness actions across these pillars, enhance the Register to support industry, and operate as a sustainable organisation.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

1. Implement communication and awareness activities and campaigns to drive biosecurity behavior change across the wine supply chain and improve understanding of regulatory obligations (2024 – 2026).
2. Provide on-demand services to industry and the South Australian government that utilise Vinehealth Australia's biosecurity expertise and assets (2024 – 2026).

PREVENTION

Minimise the likelihood of the introduction of phylloxera and other pests and diseases.

1. Ensure regulatory management of phylloxera is based on risk, science and industry insights (2024 – 2026).
2. Improve production of high-health planting material produced by the grapevine propagation sector (2025 – 2026).
3. Enhance farm-gate hygiene adoption through practical solutions (2026).

PREPAREDNESS

Being well-prepared for potential incursions.

1. Transform the Phylloxera Outbreak Plan into an effective preparedness plan for South Australia (2024 – 2025).
2. Challenge industry readiness for a phylloxera outbreak through simulations (2024 – 2025).
3. Deliver a pilot phylloxera surveillance program (2026).

RESPONSE

Responding effectively when incursions occur.

1. Undertake incident response activities that are aligned to the relative complexity, impact and type of pest incident (2024 – 2026).

A SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

1. Enhance the Register to handle grower records more efficiently (2024 – 2026).
2. Prudently manage contributions payable under the *Phylloxera and Grape industry Act 1995*, and ensure compliance with rules approved by the Minister (2024 – 2026).