

# EAD preparations for Export Pork Processors in South Australia

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- Why do they need help from Government?
- Who are the export Pork Processors in SA, what about the others?
- What support do they need?
- What has changed during this process?
- How do you measure success / progress?
- What more needs to be done?





Many people do not think too much about bushfires until they see the smoke.

The best developed plans for EAD responses need critical evaluation before the event

In an ASF response in Australia the most severe effects on the Pig industry will not be deaths from disease, but regulatory actions



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## Categories of processors in SA

There are 3 categories of Processors in SA

### 1. Major Processors Tier 2 (2)

- Process 90% or more of pigs in SA and from interstate
- 10% of product is exported
- DAFF appointed On Plant Veterinarians (OPVs)



Seven Point Pork, Port Wakefield



Big River Pork, Murray Bridge

## Smaller processors in SA

### 2. Processors that only process pigs, in small numbers

- Do not have veterinarians involved, meat inspectors are regulated through State authorities (PIRSA Meat Hygiene)
- These processors have variable biosecurity understanding, but limited ability to decontaminate adequately
- Often accept pigs from very small producers
- Represent a high risk for transmission of (exotic) viruses

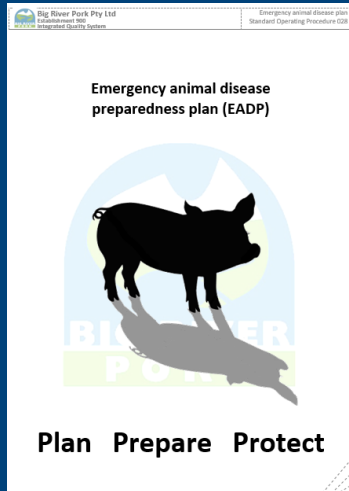


## Other Smaller processors

### 3. Processors that mainly process cattle and sheep, but include some pigs

- Do not have veterinarians involved, meat inspectors are regulated through State authorities (PIRSA Meat Hygiene)
- These Processors have variable biosecurity understanding, but limited ability to decontaminate adequately
- In an EAD (pig) event would probably not wish to process pigs





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## What support can PIRSA provide?

- Understanding their business and the impact of some regulatory activities in an EAD response
- Review of Processor EADRP's within an operational context
- Provide confidence around supply chain continuity (movement of pigs to the premises and movement of vehicles and product away)
- How to best prepare for an EAD
- Advise on training and communications needs for plant staff and OPVs

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African swine fever**

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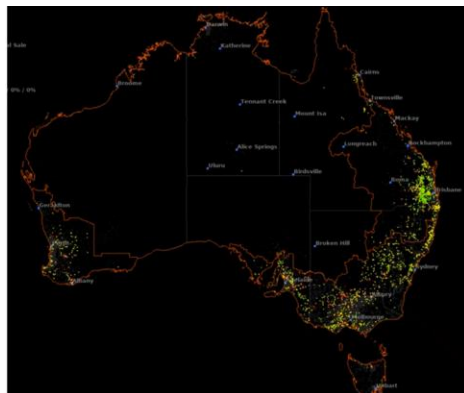
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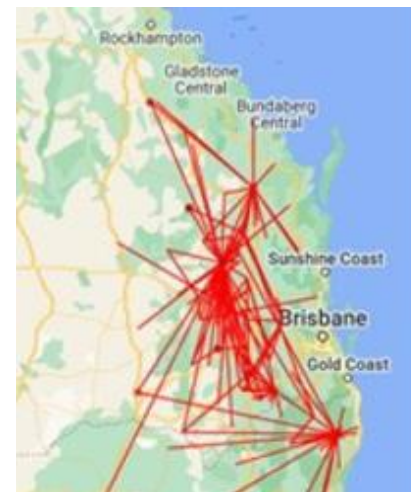
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## What information does PIRSA need from processors?

- Assurance that an EAD, if present will not be spread from the major pig distribution node
- Assurance around systems, data, traceability, **decontamination**
- Awareness of preparedness – infrastructure, training
- Good communication networks



Piggyeries in Australia  
acknowledgment Kirsty Richards



Pork Processors are distribution nodes  
(Exercise Hamstrung)



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- What has changed during this process?
- How do you measure success / progress?



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## What has changed during this process?

- Improved and clearer Manuals, plans and procedures using excellent *MINTRAC* materials
- Development of National documents specifically aimed at Processors to assist them
- Better communication and understanding by both sides
- Pig Biosecurity Project – developing Permitting systems and requirements
- Truck wash facilities installed

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Resource document

African swine fever response operational guidelines for pig  
abattoirs

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Big River Pork Pty Ltd  
Establishment 900  
Integrated Quality System



Emergency animal disease plan  
Standard Operating Procedure 028



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## **Procedure 2: DECONTAMINATION OF LARGE EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES:**

- See WI 02 Decontamination of large equipment

### **Prior starting decontamination activities:**

Familiarise staff with equipment and/or vehicles to be decontaminated and the areas in vehicles and equipment which require attention).

## **Procedure 3: DECONTAMINATION OF FACILITIES:**

### **\*Housekeeping While Operating**

- During operations and at breaks, loose pieces of animal tissue and contaminants on floors and/or in drains are swept/squeegeed by a cleaner, collected and disposed of down condemned chutes/containers - Ensure this is done regularly
- When hoses are used care must be taken to avoid any splash spreading contaminants - Hoses should be used as minimally as possible for this reason
- Other loose items (eg papers) are routinely collected during operations. Bins should be strategically located for the disposal of damaged gloves, paper towel and other contaminated rubbish.

### **End Of Operations Decontamination**



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New truck wash at Big River Pork- 18 mths



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New truck wash at Seven Point – 1 week



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## What has changed during this process?

- What does PIRSA need to know about specific aspects of this industry in order to make considered judgments in a response (for example)
  - How long does it take to wash a semi or B double adequately?
  - Who determines the level of washing / certifies the process
  - How will trucking companies regard frequent washing with corrosive chemicals





Before



After





Are all trucks equal? Is the task done the same at night?



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## What more needs to be done?

- Maintain momentum, contacts and lines of communication with all aspects of the SA Pork Processor group, and SA Pig Industry
- Exercise the developed manuals and plans at the processors
- Document the truck decontamination certification process, with allocated responsibilities in an EAD response
- Contribute to discussions on truck decontamination process with trucking companies



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