

Cattle tick risk management plan

NSW DPIRD approved low-risk land status (for self-certification)

Why a cattle tick risk management plan is required

A Cattle Tick Risk Management Plan (RMP) is required to ensure that venues such as showgrounds can safely host events involving livestock without increasing the risk of spreading cattle ticks. The plan outlines how the venue will manage potential biosecurity risks associated with the movement and presence of cattle tick carriers, such as horses, sheep, goats, and camelids.

Venues seeking to be classed as low-risk land must complete and maintain an approved RMP as part of their application to NSW DPIRD. Achieving low-risk status allows event organisers to accept secondary cattle tick carriers under self-certification movements. The RMP must be reviewed and renewed annually to confirm that appropriate biosecurity practices remain in place and that all events at the venue continue to meet low-risk requirements.

Details of Venue

Official Venue Name:	Owner:
	Manager:
Address: *	Phone:
	Email:
Property Identification Code (PIC):	Review Date**: (**12 months from approved date)
Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888	*the plan is to be reviewed and approved annually by Venue Management in consultation with NSW DPIRD Cattle Tick Operations.

Prepared by (Name)
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Approved by (NSW DPIRD)
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Venue risk management measures

1.1	Requirements and Implementation	Details	Verified
1.1.1	The venue does not allow grazing of primary cattle tick carriers on its grounds		☐

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1.1.2	Primary and secondary cattle tick carriers are unloaded and housed in separate areas of the venue with a minimum 3 metre buffer zone.	Signage placed on designated areas.	☐
1.1.3	Cattle, bison, buffalo or deer (primary cattle tick carriers) are not permitted on the site at any time.		☐
1.1.4	Venue maintains secure stockproof boundaries		☐
1.1.5	Arena surfaces and site vegetation are maintained for cattle tick risk minimisation		☐
1.1.6	Boundary fences and laneways are routinely sprayed to stop vegetation growth within the area.		☐
1.1.7	Signage placed on boundary fences of pasture areas to enforce a minimum 3-meter buffer between the boundary fence and cattle tick carriers on the venue site.		☐
1.1.8	During events routine checks are conducted by Venue Management/nominated representative to ensure ALL risk management actions are maintained. Any control measures not met will need to be communicated to both the Venue Management and Event Organiser and be rectified by the person responsible within 24 hours.		☐
1.1.9	Notification of any suspect ticks detected on cattle tick carriers will be submitted to NSW DPIRD Cattle Tick Operations within 24 hours. A sample specimen will be supplied to NSW DPIRD Cattle Tick Operations for identification.	Supplies of bottles to use for storing ticks can be obtained from a NSW DPIRD or LLS office. The suspect ticks can be taken to a NSW DPIRD office for identification.	☐

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1.1.10	Venue staff liaise with the Event Organisers to ensure NSW DPIRD cattle tick regulations and venue risk management protocols have been communicated to all competitors attending the event.	Venue Management will source current NSW DPIRD documentation to be provided in addition to the venue risk management protocols to Event Organisers no less than 2 weeks prior to the event commencement date.	☐
1.1.11	(L3 venues only) Venue Management are to provide event schedules for this site to NSW DPIRD when produced or updated, as well as event programs in advance of all events.	Venue Management to email schedules and event programs to cattletick@dpi.nsw.gov.au	☐
1.1.12	All competitors from the QLD cattle tick infested zone are required to follow NSW DPIRD Cattle tick – NSW Entry Requirements. Competitors may be subject to audit by NSW DPIRD authorised officers during the event, including inspection of horses for cattle tick and all requisite records.	Venue Management requests the Event Organiser to provide the requirements to all competitors a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.	☐
1.1.13	Venue Management holds detailed records verifying that each event meets the cattle tick risk management measures.	Venue Management will hold these records for a minimum of 12 months and may be requested by NSW DPIRD. Venue management must advise NSW DPIRD of any changes to the venue or surrounding locations immediately and review management plan.	☐
1.1.14	This Cattle Tick Risk Management plan to be reviewed by Venue Management and NSW DPIRD annually.	Venue Management will hold these records for a minimum of 12 months and may be requested by NSW DPIRD.	☐
1.1.15	The venue site, events and these risk management measures are subject to periodic auditing by NSW DPIRD authorised officers.	Venue Management will hold these records for a minimum of 12 months and may be requested by NSW DPIRD.	☐

Event audit record

Date Identified	Issue/conditions	Action Required	Person Responsible	Date completed

Definitions

Primary cattle tick carrier means cattle, bison, buffalo, deer.

Secondary cattle tick carrier means equine (horse, donkey, mule), sheep, goats, camelids (camel, llama, alpaca, guanaco and vicuña).

Official Venue Name means define venue site.

Cattle tick – NSW Entry requirements means document detailing NSW legislated livestock entry requirements.

Venue Management means person responsible for the cattle tick risk management at the named venue.

Event organiser/management means person responsible for the cattle tick risk management for an event hosted at the named venue.

NSW DPIRD means New South Wales Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Pasture means land with grazing matter.

Pasture free means land free of grazing matter.

Grazing means where cattle tick carriers have been present on pasture areas for ANY period of time.

Resources

[Cattle tick in NSW | Department of Primary Industries](https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity/cattle-tick-in-nsw)

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity/cattle-tick-in-nsw>

Enrol in Cattle tick training

<https://tocal.instructure.com/enroll/P3X4N7>

Record of Movement

<https://app-cattletick.bfs.dpi.nsw.gov.au>

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