



Enhanced Biosecurity Project Officer

About TasFarmers

The TasFarmers is Tasmania's peak farming organisation representing the interests of primary producer members across Tasmania.

Our Vision

"A stable and sustainable future for Tasmanian farmers."

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a united voice for Tasmanian farmers to ensure the growth, sustainability and profitability of the agriculture industry in Tasmania.

About the Role

An opportunity exists for a project officer to join the TasFarmers team at Longford with responsibility for operating TasFarmers biosecurity project as well as the Living Next Door to a Farmer project and roles within other existing and future projects.

This is a diverse and exciting role that facilitates the continued collaboration between Biosecurity Tasmania and TasFarmers to provide and enable required resources and communication to ensure farm businesses are biosecurity ready. This project has been funded until 2025 and will focus on educating farmers, the supply chain and wider community about biosecurity.

This role will spread the message of the importance of biosecurity to the wider community and help ensure our agricultural industries are protected.

The Living Next Door to a Farmer project objective is to educate and engage the community, with the aim to foster good neighbourly relations between farmers and residents in new and existing peri-urban locations. TasFarmers delivers this project as part of the dedicated Enhanced Biosecurity Project.

Position Description

Incumbent: TasFarmers Enhanced Biosecurity Project Officer

Location: Longford

Employment Term: Fixed Full-time

Reports To: Advocacy & Projects Manager

Delegations: Nil

Remuneration: TBA

Primary Objective

The Program, Enhanced Biosecurity, is delivered by TasFarmers working in collaboration with Biosecurity Tasmania, operating under a joint industry/government governance model.

The Enhanced Biosecurity Project Officer will be responsible for this project to deliver key biosecurity messages to Tasmanian farmers.

The project aims to enhance farmers' understanding of biosecurity risks and associated mitigation strategies, with a view to supporting improvements in relation to biosecurity best practices.

TasFarmers Values

Safety First

TasFarmers concern for employee safety, health and the environment is paramount.

Respect for people

TasFarmers insists on mutual understanding and respect for each other as team mates and also for our Members.

Teamwork

Individual success comes from our contribution to team efforts and commitment to team goals.

Integrity

TasFarmers is consistent, trustworthy and transparent in the way we do business.

Industry aware

The Tasmanian farming community is one of our State's greatest assets, which TasFarmers will always strive to protect and enhance.

Key Working Relationships

Internally

TasFarmers Chief Executive Officer
TasFarmers Advocacy and Projects Manager
TasFarmers Staff

Externally

Tasmanian farmers
Government officers
Industry stakeholders

Major Accountabilities:

Key Performance Criteria:

1. Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good on-farm biosecurity.
2. Further develop the farmer database of what is grown and raised on farms.
3. Provide educational workshops for farmers (and industry stakeholders).
4. Develop and/or distribute related industry materials to the farming community.
5. Provide stakeholders with point of contact for any biosecurity questions.
6. Ensure farmers awareness of good on-farm biosecurity is improved.
7. Organise well-informed workshops with positive feedback from participants.
8. Provide accurate and timely information and advice.
9. Report on, and acquit, the program as required by TasFarmers and Biosecurity Tasmania.

Qualifications and Experience:

Essential:

- Highly developed oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated project management experience
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work across all facets of people, with empathy and understanding of issues relating to that case
- Sound analytical and problem-solving skills
- Strong research and report writing skills
- Sound time management and organisation skills
- Demonstrated initiative
- Strong computer skills including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Outlook
- Demonstrated ability to operate as an effective team member
- Current motor vehicle licence
- Desirable:
 - Understanding of the Tasmanian agriculture industry
 - Knowledge of biosecurity systems
 - Presentation and facilitation skills in a workshop or conference environment
 - Business and/or policy qualifications
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