



**Northern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance (NABS)
Significant Disease Investigation (SDI) Network
Practice Package Agreement**

I, _____ (the Veterinary Practice), agree to become a Practice Participant of the NABS SDI Network, represented by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR).

The NABS SDI Network has been established with support from the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper to improve surveillance in northern Australia. The Network aims to ensure the veterinary response to every significant cattle disease event is timely and effective.

The Practice Package

Under this agreement, the Practice agrees to:

- Meet the requirements of each NABS SDI, specifically to:
 - Identify that the case fits the NABS SDI criteria and clearly mark it as such (sticker available)
 - Submit a full set of appropriately collected and transported samples and a NABS SDI case history
 - Provide results and recommendations arising from the investigation to the producer and
 - Discuss the outcome of the investigation and client benefit with the NABS Vet Adviser
- Complete _____ NABS Significant Disease Investigations (SDIs) in 2018 (and review for 2019 by 31 December 2018)
- Provide feedback to the NABS Vet Adviser about the Practice experiences with the SDI Network processes and resources (to enable continuous improvement in capacity across the region)
- Nominate _____ (a person in the Practice) to be the key contact

In return, participating Practices will receive:

- A subsidy (as specified below) for each NABS SDI completed which helps to cover costs, including time, travel and transport of samples to laboratories
- Diagnostic testing for NABS SDIs will be provided at the State Veterinary Laboratory at the expense of the jurisdictional livestock disease surveillance program
- Up to 2 free registrations for cattle veterinarians to the annual NABS Masterclass
- Professional and technical support through the NABS Vet Hub, including regular consultation with the NABS Vet Adviser, dedicated veterinary co-ordinators within each jurisdiction and the laboratory duty pathologists
- Preference for other professional development opportunities, such as participation in the FMD real-time training program as opportunities arise through NABS.

The SDI subsidy

SDIs are completed when recommendations have been given to the producer and the experience has been debriefed with the NABS Vet Hub Adviser. Completed SDIs are eligible for a subsidy of \$2000 (including GST) per case. This will cover the cost of transport of samples to the lab and any additional costs and time



associated with travelling to and satisfactorily completing the investigation. Practices can maintain a fee-for-service arrangement with their clients but are expected to pass on some reduction in professional and travel fees to their clients to support a more thorough investigation and sample collection. Completed SDIs will be paid on receipt of an invoice to DAWR, on a quarterly basis.

Duration

This agreement may be modified at any time by mutual consent of the two parties. This agreement shall become effective upon co-signature of authorised representatives from both parties. The Practice may withdraw from this agreement at any time, but must provide notification to DAWR. This agreement shall end on 30 June 2019 unless otherwise negotiated.

Signatures

Veterinary Practice signature

Practice Name:
Representative:
Position:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

NABS signature

Department (NABS) Representative:
Position:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:

Date_____

The Northern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance Project is part of the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy.



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