

Submitter Details

Whose views are represented in this submission?

- Advocacy organisation / Peak body / Industry association

Which of these best describes the Advocacy organisation / Peak body / Industry association making this submission?

- Primary industries

Where is the submission being made from?

- Perth

What is your / your organisation's interest in the BAM Act and this review?

- Involved in administration of BAM Act
- Have an opinion about BAM Act
- Have an interest in WA's biosecurity
- Have an interest in WA's agriculture management
- Have an opinion on declared pest rate and/ or recognised biosecurity groups

What is the your / your organisation's name?

- Name: (Pastoralists & Graziers Association of WA Inc)

Do you give permission to the Review Panel to contact you / your organisation should the submission raise issues the Panel wants to understand in more detail?

- Yes

If the Review Panel wish to follow up any issues raised in this submission, what contact details should be used?

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Do you / your organisation give permission for this submission to be made public?

- Yes - and I give permission for my / my organisation's name to be included if published

Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Survey

1.1 How well do you feel you currently understand the BAM Act?

- Very well

1.2 How important do you feel the BAM Act is to:

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|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| a | You / your organisation | - Critical |
| b | WA | - Critical |

1.3 Overall, how effective do you believe the BAM Act currently is:

- Adequate

1.4 Currently, how well do you believe the BAM Act achieves positive outcomes for:

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|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| a | The WA community | - Quite well |
| b | The WA economy | - Quite well |
| c | WA's environment | - Quite well |
| d | WA primary producers | - Not very well |

1.5 To what extent do you believe how the BAM Act is used in practice is:

- | | | |
|---|--|------------|
| a | Is effective | - Mostly |
| b | Is efficient | - Somewhat |
| c | Is consistent | - Not very |
| d | Is fair | - Not very |
| e | Delivers on the intent of the Act | - Not very |

1.6 How important do you believe it is for the BAM Act to address each of the following areas:

a	The entry of harmful pests, weeds and diseases into WA	- Critical
b	The eradication of harmful pests, weeds and diseases from WA	- Moderately important
c	The spread of harmful pests, weeds and diseases that are already present in WA	- Critical
d	The impact of harmful pests, weeds and diseases	- Critical
e	Chemical residues on land	- Not at all important
f	The use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals	- Not at all important
g	The act of tampering with agricultural products and animal feed	- Not at all important
h	Standards to ensure the safety and quality of agricultural products	- Not at all important
i	The concept of 'shared responsibility' in biosecurity	- Critical
j	Biosecurity funding	- Very important

1.7 How well do you believe the BAM Act addresses each of the following areas:

a	The entry of harmful pests, weeds and diseases into WA	- Very well
b	The eradication of harmful pests, weeds and diseases from WA	- Adequately
c	The spread of harmful pests, weeds and diseases that are already present in WA	- Very well
d	The impact of harmful pests, weeds and diseases	- Adequately
e	Chemical residues on land	- Totally
f	The use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals	- Totally
g	The act of tampering with agricultural products and animal feed	- Totally
h	Standards to ensure the safety and quality of agricultural products	- Totally
i	The concept of 'shared responsibility' in biosecurity	- Totally
j	Biosecurity funding	- Very well

1.7 To what extent do you support the following provisions, principles or mechanisms associated with the BAM Act?

a	Declared pest rates	- Totally
b	Recognised biosecurity groups	- Totally
c	Industry funding schemes	- Mostly
d	The declaration categories available	- Somewhat
e	Shared responsibility	- Somewhat

1. What is currently working well

Please provide information in this section to identify any strong aspects of the BAM Act that should be maintained.

Please enter your comments only in relevant sections below. If you provide an uploaded document, please use this structure to make clear what aspects your comments relate to.

If your comments are general in nature, use section 1.4.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

1.1 Thinking about managing biosecurity risks facing WA (including environmental biosecurity risks) - what aspects of the BAM Act are working well, and why?

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1.2 Thinking about supporting appropriate use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals - what aspects of the BAM Act are working well, and why?

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1.3 Thinking about safety and quality standards for agricultural products - what aspects of the BAM Act are working well, and why?

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1.4 Do you have any general comments about aspects of the BAM Act that are currently working well?

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1.5 Upload any supporting documents here:

No uploaded documents

2. What is currently not working well

Please provide information in this section to identify any aspects of the BAM Act that you believe are not working well.

Please enter your comments only in relevant sections below. If you provide an uploaded document, please use this structure to make clear what aspects your comments relate to.

If your comments are general in nature, use section 2.4.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

2.1 Thinking about managing biosecurity risks facing WA (including environmental biosecurity risks) - what aspects of the BAM Act are not working well, and why not?

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2.2 Thinking about supporting appropriate use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals - what aspects of the BAM Act are not working well, and why not?

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2.3 Thinking about safety and quality standards for agricultural products - what aspects of the BAM Act are not working well, and why not?

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2.4 Do you have any general comments about aspects of the BAM Act that are currently not working well?

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2.5 Upload any supporting documents here:

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3. What is most difficult or unclear

Please use this section to provide information on what you believe is difficult or unclear about the BAM Act (if anything). Please provide your comments where they are most relevant.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

3.1 Are there any parts of the BAM Act that you find ambiguous or unclear?

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3.2 Are there any parts of the BAM Act that you find hard to comply with?

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3.3 Do you have any other comments about what is most difficult or unclear about the BAM Act?

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3.4 Upload any supporting documents here:

No uploaded documents

4. Effectiveness of penalties

Please use this section to provide any information or opinions relating to the effectiveness of penalties that are provided under the BAM Act, including the way they are applied.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

4.1 To what extent do you believe the penalties under the BAM Act are:

a **Appropriate**

b **An effective deterrent**

c **Applied / Enforced**

d **Consistent across situations, actions and risks**

e **Consistent with other regulation and legislation**

4.2 In what ways do you believe the penalties under the BAM Act are effective (if any)?

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4.3 In what ways do you believe the penalties under the BAM Act are not effective (if any)?

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4.4 Do you have any other comments about the penalties under the BAM Act?

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4.5 Upload any supporting documents here:

No uploaded documents

5. How the world the BAM Act operates in is changing

Please use this section to provide information about how you see the context or range of threats that the BAM Act needs to deal with changing, and how you feel the BAM Act is able to keep pace with these changes.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

5.1 Given how the environment it operates in may have changed over the past 3-5 years, in that time do you feel the BAM Act has been getting more successful or less successful in managing the range of threats in each of these areas, or is it not really changing?

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| a | Managing the range of biosecurity risks facing WA (including environmental biosecurity risks) | |
| b | Supporting the appropriate use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals | |
| c | Facilitating safety and quality standards for agricultural products | |
| d | Overall | |

5.2 If no substantive changes were made to the BAM Act and how it is used in practice, would you expect it to be more or less successful over the next 5-10 years in dealing with the threats in each of these areas:

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|---|---|--|
| a | Managing the range of biosecurity risks facing WA (including environmental biosecurity risks) | |
| b | Supporting the appropriate use of agricultural and veterinary chemicals | |
| c | Facilitating safety and quality standards for agricultural products | |
| d | Overall | |

5.3 Are there parts of the BAM Act that you feel are no longer 'fit for purpose'?

5.4 Are there new relevant issues or risks you can see emerging that the BAM Act may not be effective in responding to?

5.5 Do you have any other comments about how the context the BAM Act operates in is changing?

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5.6 Upload any supporting documents here:

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6. How the BAM Act can be improved

Please use this section to provide any information about opportunities where you believe the BAM Act itself or the way it is applied in practice could be improved.

This might include anything from minor tweaks or refinements through to significant or transformational ideas for how to improve biosecurity and agricultural management outcomes.

Please provide your comments where they are most relevant.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

6.1 What changes would you like to see made, if any, to the BAM Act?

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6.2 Is there anything missing from the BAM Act that you believe it should cover? (ie: does it have any gaps?)

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6.3 Are there any areas where you believe the BAM Act overlaps with or is inconsistent with other regulations or legislation?

WA based:

Australian or international:

6.4 Is there anything currently not allowed under the BAM Act that you believe should be?

6.5 And is there anything that is currently allowed under the BAM Act that you think should not be?

6.6 Do you have any other comments about how the BAM Act could be improved?

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6.7 Upload any supporting documents here:

No uploaded documents

7. Understanding and engagement with WA's biosecurity system

Please use this section to provide any relevant information about the level of understanding and engagement of different parts of the community in WA's biosecurity system.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

7.1 Is there anything you would like to know or better understand about WA's biosecurity system?

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7.2 Do you have any comments about the level of industry understanding and engagement with WA's biosecurity system?

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7.3 Do you have any comments about the level of community understanding and engagement with WA's biosecurity system?

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7.4 Upload any supporting documents here:

No uploaded documents

8. Open submissions and general comments [any other topics]

Please use this section to provide any general or additional relevant information about the BAM Act and WA's biosecurity and agricultural management (including environmental biosecurity).

General information provided in this section will be interpreted against the structured questions in the previous sections as well as possible, within the time available for analysis.

If possible, we recommend cross-referencing your submission against the major themes or specific questions as much as possible, to ensure your comments and opinions are interpreted as you intend.

Answering these questions is optional. Only answer those you have information for. Leave other questions blank.

8.1 Please provide any other or more general comments about the BAM Act or WA's biosecurity and agricultural management system (including environmental biosecurity) here.

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8.2 Upload any supporting documents here:

- PGA Submission BAM Review 2022 - 27July2022.pdf (127.86 KB)

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The submission was made by Ian at 2:06pm, 27 July 2022.