

# Local Land Services Engagement & Capabilities Project 2022-2023

Biosecurity and Food Safety (BFS) protects the NSW community, environment and economy from biosecurity & food safety risks

## Project Overview

BFS Compliance held seven workshops in 11 Local Land Services (LLS) regions to increase the regulatory capabilities of authorised officers (AOs) within each region. The workshops involved consultation and the delivery of tools to assist in the escalation of enforcement action, whilst improving consistency in the regulation of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

Several regions have proactively embraced the BFS Regulatory Assistance Portal, a tool in which LLS officers can request assistance from our officers in enforcement matters and access training resources. This has helped to streamline the formal interview process prior to issuing of penalty notices.

The workshops also provided an opportunity for our officers to network and engage with LLS officers throughout the state. This was beneficial to both organisations as it developed working relationships for future compliance dealings.

The project has provided LLS AOs with the skills, knowledge and capacity to undertake a graduated approach to enforcement. The established regulatory assistance portal, regulatory tools resources, templates, policies and procedures are available to all LLS AOs.

## Project Statistics



7 Workshops



11 LLS Regions



99 People In Attendance

## Project Outcomes

Since the suite of governance material was established and the workshops, there has been an increase in the escalation of enforcement actions beyond written warning letters in eight LLS regions. This includes 11 penalty notices that have been issued.

Our officers have also observed an increase in requests via the BFS Regulatory Assistance Portal.