



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

**Maranoa Regional Council
Biosecurity Advisory Committee**

An Expression of Interest form may be submitted:

Online: www.maranoa.qld.gov.au

In person to: A Council Administration Centre

By post: Attention: Annie Connolly
Maranoa Regional Council
PO Box 620
Roma QLD 4455

By email: council@maranoa.qld.gov.au

INTRODUCTION

The Maranoa Regional Council is seeking expressions of interest from engaged and proactive landholders to join the newly established **Biosecurity Advisory Committee**. This committee will play a vital role in advising Council on biosecurity matters, with a focus on enhancing programs to control invasive species, managing pest plants and animals, and strengthening regional biosecurity measures.

The Biosecurity Advisory Committee will provide a platform for collaboration between Council, landholders, and key stakeholders to address biosecurity challenges that impact our region's environment, agriculture, and economy.

Committee Objectives:

- Provide a forum for open discussion and innovative problem-solving to address biosecurity issues.
- Increase landholder and community participation in biosecurity programs.
- Raise awareness of the economic, environmental, and community impacts of invasive species.
- Provide strategic and operational advice to Council on biosecurity initiatives.
- Contribute information to support Council's planning, budgeting, and policy development.
- Facilitate effective communication and cooperation between Council, community groups, and individuals.
- Provide support to ensure Maranoa's compliance with its obligations under relevant state and federal strategic planning frameworks, including the:
 - *Queensland Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2025–2030*
 - *Australian Pest Animal Strategy 2017–2027*
 - *Australian Weeds Strategy 2017–2027*.
- Provide best practice advice that is distributed into the community.

Membership Details:


Council is actively seeking landholders who are passionate about biosecurity and have practical experience in managing pest plants and animals on their properties. Members will contribute local knowledge and insights to guide biosecurity efforts and improve outcomes for the community.

To ensure diverse perspectives and experiences, the committee aims to include members representing the geographic spread of the Maranoa Region. This ensures that biosecurity issues affecting all areas of the region are considered and addressed.

Committee Operations:

- The committee will meet quarterly, with the schedule reviewed periodically to meet the needs of the group.
- Membership is voluntary, unpaid, and for the current term of Council.
- The Maranoa Region encompasses an area of 58,830 km² and supports a diverse range of industries. Accordingly, a representative organisation should accurately reflect this diversity

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape biosecurity policies and programs that will protect our region's environment and economy for future generations.



To apply, please complete the Expression of Interest form and submit it by 3 March 2025. For further information, contact Annie Connolly, Manager - Regulatory, Rural Lands & Environmental Health Services (Acting) on 1300 007 662.

Your input can make a meaningful difference to the biosecurity of the Maranoa Region. We look forward to your participation!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RESPONSE

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN BLOCK LETTERS

FULL NAME/S OF NOMINATION:	
BUSINESS NAME: (If applicable)	
LOCATION:	
PHONE NO. OF NOMINEE: (Daytime and mobile)	
POSTAL ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: (For service of information)	
EMAIL ADDRESS OF NOMINEE:	
In response to Call for Nominations	
<p>Please provide a brief overview of your interest in becoming a member of the Biosecurity Advisory Committee, including any relevant experience or qualifications (attach additional pages if necessary):</p>	
Please sign and date your nomination form:	
Name: Date:	