

MANAGEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN Q FEVER REGISTER FOR 2016-17

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Project Description

The Australian Q Fever Register (the Register) is the first non-statutory health register to be established in Australia and has been operating without interruption since 2001. It provides a secure repository of records documenting the Q Fever status for individuals as an aid for the meat industry in managing workplace health risks from Q Fever and, in addition, serves as a valuable and unique resource of data for researchers.

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Project Content

The Australian Q Fever Register is operated from Canberra and can be accessed from the internet at www.qfever.org. Register staff provide a help-line service during office hours. The Register provides a permanent and secure repository of an individual's Q Fever status, ensuring that individuals only need to be tested and vaccinated once as per current health recommendations. This is an important contribution to lowering health risks by ensuring that individuals do not inadvertently get tested or vaccinated more than once, procedures that may in some cases result in adverse side effects.

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Project Outcome

In 2016-17 the Register recorded the Q fever immune status and vaccination records of more than 18,500 new individuals, the second-highest annual total in the sixteen years of Register operation. Register data was provided for a research initiative conducted by the University of Queensland.

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Benefit for Industry

The Australian Q Fever Register underpins Q Fever risk management across the workplace and has contributed to a significant reduction in Q Fever occurrence within the industry workforce. This project raises awareness of the Register amongst stakeholders and builds on the Register's ongoing success to leverage additional value for industry

RESOURCES

www.qfever.org

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