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A horizontal collage of various agricultural products including oranges, wheat, corn, and other crops.

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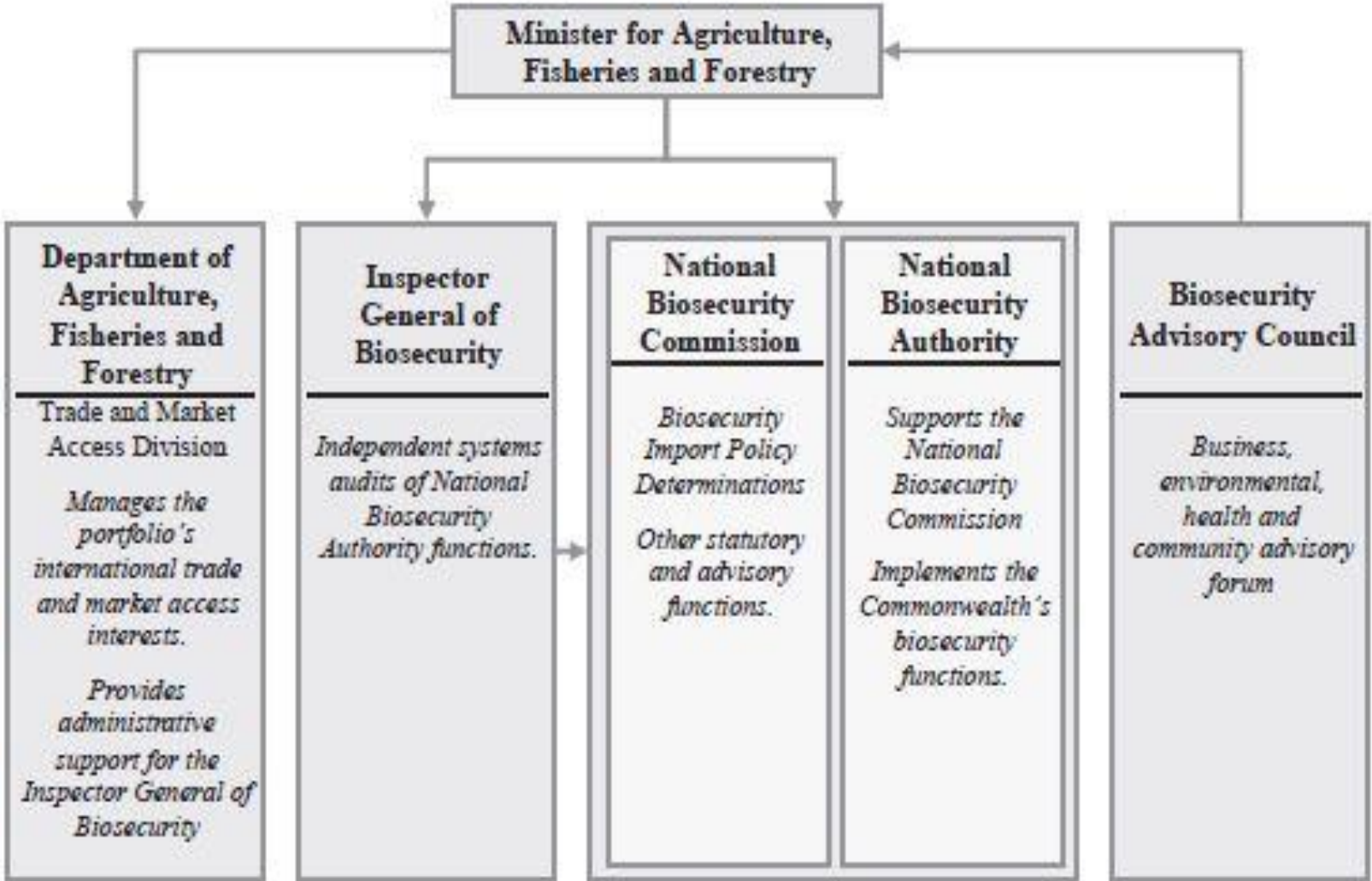


One Biosecurity: a working partnership (Beale Report)

Key recommendations

— four main themes in the report

1. Strengthened **working partnership** approach across the whole of the continuum (exporters, importers, States and community)
2. Transparent, comprehensive **governance** arrangements
3. Risk based **operational** focus (move away from physical intervention targets)
4. Increased **resources**





Where to from here with the new organisation ?

- Consolidation of the three primary agencies (Biosecurity Australia, AQIS and PIAPH) will progressively happen over the next 12-18 months)
- New National Biosecurity Authority to come into effect with new legislation
- AQIS' good consultation arrangements (ie AICCC) with industry will continue
- Existing systems will continue to operate (high level of protection)



Port Kembla Initiatives

- The biosecurity Risks at Port Kembla (which is surrounded by rural areas) are very different from metropolitan areas and this will be reflected in AQIS's controls.
- AQIS is very keen to work with industry early in any planning process (at AICCC and port level).
- Remember any biosecurity failures carry big costs (ie EI = over \$1b, Qld Fire Ants = over \$130m, Qld Fruit Flies = over \$130m etc).



Port Kembla Initiatives

- Five additional staff (total now nine) moved from the Metro area
- Additional contract staff for grain exports
- Continue to refining new and used car inspection protocol
- Agreement with NZ MAF on off shore inspection of use cars in Japan
- Additional staff to monitor Co regulation arrangements (QAP's etc)
- On going strong support from industry for post border detections
- New office for AQIS staff/operations in Port Kembla (now approved by Minister).



Questions/Comments