List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should:

- **finalise its *Draft Administrative Framework for Import Risk Analysis*; and**
- **update its website information to reflect the current procedures for import risk analysis. [Paragraph 2.48]**

Recommendation 2

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia and Environment Australia should report to the Committee on the effectiveness of the memorandum of understanding between them on quarantine matters in its response to this report. [Paragraph 2.53]

Recommendation 3

A centre of excellence should be established to undertake risk analysis research. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should review, and subsequently advise the Government, on options for the establishment of such a research centre. [Paragraph 2.78]

Recommendation 4

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia's *Administrative Process for Import Risk Analysis* should contain provisions requiring individuals involved with an IRA to declare any conflict of interest. [Paragraph 2.90]

Recommendation 5

The Government should provide sufficient resources to Biosecurity Australia to ensure that within five years the backlog in IRAs is such that new applicants can expect to wait no longer than six months on average before their IRA commences. [Paragraph 2.107]

Recommendation 6)

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should report to the Committee on progress with the single ballast water regime and provide a timetable for its introduction in Australia. [Paragraph 3.79]

Recommendation 77)

Section 78A of the *Quarantine Act 1908* should be amended so as to make reference to biofouling organisms. [Paragraph 3.101]

Recommendation 88)

The Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy should include activities to address the risks posed by organisms biofouling international recreational vessels and foreign vessels apprehended by the Commonwealth.

The Government should provide additional resources to the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy to enable it to undertake this additional role. [Paragraph 3.102]

Recommendation 99)

Section 185B of the *Customs Act 1901* should be amended so it:

- **includes the need to consult the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service if a ship is considered by Customs to pose a quarantine risk; and**
- **specifies that ships posing an identified quarantine risk are dealt with in an appropriate manner and timeframe (to be specified in the Act). [Paragraph 3.103]**

Recommendation 1010)

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, and Environment Australia, (in consultation with State and Territory counterparts) should identify areas and introduce procedures whereby vessels posing a quarantine risk can be routinely, expeditiously, and safely disposed of. [Paragraph 3.104]

Recommendation 11)

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should facilitate the provision of sufficient additional container washing facilities in the port of Melbourne to ensure there is competitive pressure on charges, and that the timeliness of container washing is improved. [Paragraph 3.121]

Recommendation 12)

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should develop standards and benchmarks for the external and internal inspections of containers which reflect the risk assessment for the container and its cargo. [Paragraph 3.123]

Recommendation 13)

The Government should provide additional funds to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation to enable its Centre for Research on Introduced Marine Pests to provide diagnostic advice to assist the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy to monitor biofouling organisms. [Paragraph 4.31]

Recommendation 14)

When quarantine measures are announced for the importation of a particular commodity, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia should specify how these measures relate to Australia's appropriate level of protection. [Paragraph 5.18]