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Dear Committee Secretary,

**Re: Inquiry into the Biosecurity Bill 2012**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Biosecurity Bill 2012.

In summary, HAL strongly supports the Bill relating to diseases and pests that may cause harm to human, animal or plant health or the environment and for related purposes.

HAL supports a responsive biosecurity system that intervenes where risk needs to be managed: offshore, at the border and post border (maintaining the biosecurity continuum). HAL acknowledges the new Bill replaces the Quarantine Act 1908 and recognises that an effective biosecurity system will rely on a collaborative effort. HAL trusts that the Bill will support people to enter into arrangements to better manage biosecurity risks and reduce their regulatory burden. HAL also supports stronger power for monitoring, controlling and responding to biosecurity risks as promoted by the Bill.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer