

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's (DAFF) Research & Innovation Section is excited to bring you our next webinar, showcasing leading researchers from the Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis (CEBRA) at the University of Melbourne. CEBRA supports both the department and the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries' (NZ MPI) vital biosecurity activities by providing evidence-based tools, analyses and advice to improve Australia and New Zealand's biosecurity systems.

This month we present our November CEBRAnar:

'Audits: how to time them to enhance the audited process cost-effectively'

with Professor Andrew Robinson, CEO and Chief Investigator, CEBRA

Please register to join us at 11:00 am (Canberra time) on Thursday, 28 November 2024.

DAFF's Approved Arrangements Program allows industry participants to perform biosecurity risk management activities using their own sites, facilities, equipment and people, with monitoring of non-compliance achieved through occasional audits.

As part of the 2023-24 CEBRA Work Plan, DAFF and CEBRA partnered to undertake the '*Quantitative model for assurance-based auditing of approved arrangements*' project, aimed at developing a statistical framework to guide the frequency with which approved arrangements are audited, increasing the efficiency and the value of the audit program. The project investigated the relationship between audit outcome and a range of factors, including time since last audit and the outcome of the last audit.

Join us as CEBRA CEO and Chief Investigator Professor Andrew Robinson presents on the actionable insights yielded in this investigation, that can be used to refine audit design, using an approach that generalises easily to a very wide range of settings. Nick Small, Director in DAFF's Compliance and Enforcement Division will also join the conversation on reviewing the audit rate policy in a more risk-based and statistically quantified way.

Please note that this forum will be recorded. A link to the recording will be sent to registered attendees. For all enquiries, please contact the Research & Innovation Section, Biosecurity Strategy and Reform Division.

