

## National Bee Biosecurity Program (NBBP) steering committee

### Bee Biosecurity Officers

From July 2021, Bee Biosecurity Officers will continue to actively raise awareness of the Code of Practice (the Code) and support beekeepers on maintaining healthy beehives for a further two-year period.

For more information about your local Bee Biosecurity Officer visit: [beeaware.org.au/national-bee-biosecurity-program/](https://beeaware.org.au/national-bee-biosecurity-program/)

### National Sugar Shake Program

The Committee is reviewing a proposal for a National Sugar Shake Program. A national program benefits jurisdictions who require sugar shake activities to be conducted as part of the Code, and raise awareness for the importance of hive inspections for exotic mites. A suitable seasonal timing for the National Sugar Shake Program is being identified.

For more information on sugar shaking and the Code of Practice visit: [beeaware.org.au/code-of-practice/inspecting-hives/](https://beeaware.org.au/code-of-practice/inspecting-hives/)

### Harmonisation of entry requirements

The Subcommittee on Domestic Quarantine and Market Access (SDQMA) and Industry continue to work together to identify endemic bee pests that are regulated for interstate movement of honey and bee products. SDQMA are also reviewing the Australian Interstate Quarantine website to ensure information presented on honey bees and/or product movement is relevant and informative.

## The Committee

The Committee includes representatives from the Australian Government, the state and territory government, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC), and Plant Health Australia (PHA). It was formed to oversee and support Bee Biosecurity Officers, as well as providing guidance and support for jurisdictional implementation and industry assistance with The Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice.

For more information about the NBBP visit [National Bee Biosecurity Program | Plant Health Australia](https://www.aphis.gov.au/national-bee-biosecurity-program)

The NBBP Steering Committee will meet again in November 2021.