



Mycoplasma bovis Recovery Advice Service Information for farmers

MPI has established the Recovery Advice Service to support farmers to recover from the effects of *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) by providing long-term land use planning and technical advice.

Payments of up to \$5,000 (excl. GST) are available per property for cattle farmers, sharemilkers and contract milkers in the following three categories:

1. The property is currently and Active Property under a Restricted Place (RP) notice (section 130 of the Biosecurity Act 1993) due to *M. bovis*.
2. The property has previously been an RP under section 130 of the Biosecurity Act 1993, due to *M. bovis*.
3. A sharemilker or contract milker whose cattle have been impacted by being on a property that is, or was, under a RP notice due to *M. bovis*.

What advisory services can farmers receive?

Eligible farmers can decide the advice they need and choose their supplier from a pre-approved list. This could be on:

- strategic planning, including farm business and whole farm plans;
- land management and sustainable management techniques;
- farm environmental plans;
- on-farm biosecurity;
- analysis of farm systems;
- animal health advice;
- analysis and mitigation of business risks;
- risk and recovery management;
- business continuity;
- establishing and documenting farm systems;
- modelling farm-change scenarios;
- alternate land-use options;
- technical advice on soil, pastures, animal production or feed budgeting;
- financial planning and decision support;
- budgets and cash flow forecasting;
- farm accounts analysis;
- forestry advice.

How does the Recovery Service work?



TALK WITH YOUR ICP MANAGER OR CASE MANAGER

They will discuss the services available to help you.



CHOOSE A SUPPLIER

Select a supplier from the pre-approved list and contact them to discuss your business and scope the type of advice you need.

If you'd like to use a supplier that is not on the list, ask them if they would consider applying to join the *M. bovis* Recovery Advice Service.



COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

We just need some brief details about you, your business, and the type of advice you need. Pass your completed form to your chosen supplier.



AGREE ON THE SERVICE AND COST

Your chosen supplier will need to provide either an estimate or quote for the agreed work. Once you have accepted this in writing, the supplier will inform MPI and work can start.



THE SUPPLIER INVOICES MPI

Each month, or on completion of the work, you will give your supplier written confirmation that the agreed work has been delivered to a satisfactory standard. The supplier will invoice MPI direct.

Advice on the following topics is out of scope:

- unsustainable business practices;
- advice unrelated to *M. bovis* recovery;
- legal services related to compensation claims under section 162A of the Biosecurity Act.

MPI's funding is limited to \$5,000 (excl. GST), no matter how much the total cost of the service received.

How do farmers choose a supplier?

Farmers can select any supplier from the pre-approved list. You are encouraged to complete some due diligence to make sure you are confident that your chosen supplier will provide the service you want in line with your expectations. You may find it helpful to agree to a statement of work and price in advance.

You can engage services from multiple suppliers, provided they are all on the pre-approved list.

Who is on the pre-approved supplier list?

The list of pre-approved suppliers is published on the MPI website. To be pre-approved, suppliers must show that they have the required capability, capacity and experience needed to advise the types of farm businesses that have been affected by *M. bovis*.

Farmers can choose a pre-approved supplier outside their region if they have the capability and capacity to provide the required advice.

The list will stay open to give farmers a good range of options. Suppliers can apply to be considered for the pre-approved list at any time.

Will MPI receive a copy of the advice provided?

MPI will need confirmation of the scope of advisory service and a quote or estimate for the cost, but the actual advice is confidential to the supplier and their client, the farmer.

Do farmers running two properties receive additional services?

Farmers can receive advisory services up to a value of \$5,000 (excl. GST) for each property they own or run that is, or was, an RP due to *M. bovis* provided they are run as separate business entities.

Properties run as a single operation with the same management are eligible for advisory services up to the value of \$5,000 (excl. GST).

How long will the advisory service be available?

Funding is available for *M. bovis* recovery advisory services from 1 March 2019 for two years from the date the RP notice is lifted from your property. No funding is available for advisory work completed before this date.

To find out more

- Ask your ICP Manager or Case Manager
- Email the Investment Programmes team: funding@mpi.govt.nz
- Phone: **0800 00 83 33** (ask for the Investment Programmes team)
- View the information online: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/mycoplasma-bovis