



**Biosecurity New Zealand**

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua

# *Mycoplasma bovis* Recovery Advice Service Information for suppliers

**MPI has established the Recovery Advice Service to support farmers 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 categories:

1. The property is currently an 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 under an RP notice 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*.
4. The property is currently under a Transitional Notice of Direction (TNOD) under Section 122 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 as a transition to becoming a Restricted Place (RP), due to *M. bovis*.

## **What advisory services do farmers receive?**

Eligible farmers can decide the type of advice they need and choose their supplier from a pre-approved list. MPI's funding is limited to \$5,000 (excl. GST), regardless of the total cost of the work agreed between the farmer and supplier.

## **Advice might cover:**

- 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;

## How to become a pre-approved supplier



### 1 READ THE DOCUMENTS ON THE MPI WEBSITE

- Supplier information and application guide.
- Supplier application form.
- Service supplier draft contract.



### 2 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

Email us if you have any questions before you apply.



### 3 SIGN AND RETURN THE APPLICATION FORM AND CONTRACT

Let us know if there are any terms or conditions you would like to negotiate.



### 4 WORK BEGINS

Once approved by MPI, you can commence providing advisory services to eligible farmers.

- 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.

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## Advice on the following topics is out of scope for funding:

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

## Do farmers have to use a local supplier?

The choice is theirs. They can use any pre-approved supplier that has capability and capacity to provide advice to the regions affected by *M. bovis*.

## How do farmers apply for the recovery advice service?

They complete a brief application form and pass it to their chosen supplier, who then provides it to MPI.

## How will suppliers get paid?

Suppliers submit their invoice directly to MPI with their client's details, an explanation of the advisory services provided, and the farmer's written verification that they are happy with the services received.

## Find out more

- Email the Investment Programmes team: [funding@mpi.govt.nz](mailto: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](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/mycoplasma-bovis)

## Can the farmer access services from multiple suppliers?

Yes. However all suppliers need to be pre-approved by MPI and the claim cannot exceed the maximum amount of \$5,000 (excl. GST).

## Do suppliers provide MPI with a copy of the advice supplied?

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.