J-BAS (Johne’s Beef Assurance Score) (0-8)

Everyone one QLD is a 7.   
On the 30th June 17 you will need to work to maintain a 7.   
To maintain a 7 you need a Biosecurity Plan that has been “approved” by a vet (that you have consulted a vet about) and you will have to have a “Check Test” performed for JBD before 30th June 18, then have a check test triennially to maintain the 7 score.   
NB. To export to WA you MUST be a 7.

If maintaining a 7 score is not important to your enterprise and you wish to be a score 6 you do not need to test or have a vet “approved” biosecurity plan, but you MUST have a biosecurity plan in place by 30th June 17.  
NB. Once you become a 6 you cannot become a 7.  
NB. To export to the NT you must be a 6 or higher.

If you do not have a biosecurity plan (vet approved [7] or individually [6]) you will go to a score 0 which is an unmanaged risk.   
It is then VERY difficult – lots of testing over a number of years to reach a score 4-6.

At this stage it is unknow what this affect will have on your market access. For example;

* Sale yards may be affected by the level of cattle they can take, as they must manage the groups of cattle – if a 7 mixes with a 0 – it then becomes a 0.
* Private sales may be affected (a level 7 CAN NOT buy in lower scored cattle – unless they have a biosecurity plan that will keep the lower scored cattle separate from score 7).
* For live export out of the NT – MUST be a 6.

Important notes:

* YOU keep your biosecurity plan, you do not submit it to any one
* When selling cattle you MUST give a National Cattle Health Declaration which you state your J-BAS score and sign off on it. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.
* When buying cattle you get a NCHD with the J-BAS score the same as yours or higher.
* If you want proof of the persons J-BAS score you may request a copy of the vendors biosecurity plan.

Getting to a level 7.

* Need to get vet “approved” biosecurity plan
* Need to have 50 head “check tested” (50 faecal samples taken from the colon by a vet).
  + THIS IS COSTLY