

Potato industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: August 26, 2016

Attendance: Christian Patterson, Pennie Patane, Andrew Lamont, Daryl Lohrey, Ken Morley, John Doyle, Terry Buckley, Frank Rovers, Ben Dowling, Sam Humphries, Geoff Moar, Tim Heysen, Tony Slater

Location: Hort Innovation Sydney Office

Next Meeting: Day TBD, November 2016

Overview

Hort Innovation provided the panel members with an induction outlining the objectives, governance and scope of operation of the panel. Included in this session was an overview of the Hort Innovation funding model, innovation process and procurement framework.

The panel then gained an understanding of the current potato industry research and development (R&D) investments.

The panel followed with a discussion around the process for developing the next Potato Strategic Industry Plan (SIP).

The panel then discussed the industry's short-term investment priorities with a number of areas identified for near-term investment including the focus on important areas like disease, bio-security, extension and communication, among others.

These investment opportunities will also help shape the SIP given their importance on the broader potato industry.

Next steps

The process for developing the next SIP will be drafted soon and include R&D investments. The collection and analysis of data will help guide the thinking around the SIP process prior to discussions with the Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP).

The panel will meet again in late 2016 to further the strategic planning process.

Anyone seeking information about the SIAP or the SIP should contact Christian Patterson at Hort Innovation on the details below.

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