

## Banana R&D Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 31 October 2016

**Location:** Cairns, Novotel

**Next Meeting:** TBC – February/March 2017

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**Attendance:** Andre Drenth, Stewart Lindsay, Cameron Mackay, Doug Phillips, Stephen Spear, David Tate, Matt Abbott, Rosie Godwin (Observer), Irene Kernot (Guest), Andy Harvey (Consultant), Damien Hine (Consultant), Astrid Hughes (Hort Innovation), Tim Archibald (Hort Innovation), Ben Callaghan (Hort Innovation)

**Apology:** Mark Nucifora

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### Overview

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The Banana Research and Development (R&D) Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met primarily to discuss the development and update of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and to work through the R&D program with particular focus on the next iteration of the Banana Plant Protection Program.

A workshop session was facilitated to identify vision of success and extrapolate the key areas for investment over the period of the next SIP.

Key points raised by the group include – exports, supply levels, grower adoption and varietal development and best practice and innovation.

Plant protection updates were then presented. Concepts received through the funnel were then prioritised with further feedback and advice from the panel.

Anyone seeking further information on Hort Innovation's banana investments should note that a full list of projects, together with an overview of the program financials are available on the banana webpage of the Hort Innovation website.

### Next steps

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The R&D SIAP will next convene via teleconference to discuss the iterations of the plant protection program in more detail before Christmas. The first quarter of 2017 will be when the next face to face meeting occurs. Over the next few weeks the SIP consultants will be in touch to discuss the refinement of the outcomes and strategies and a survey will also be circulated through Australian Banana Growers Council and Hort Innovation. If you would like to be involved, please go to the Hort Innovation website to register your interest.

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