

## Fresh potato industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 7 Mar 2017

**Attendance:**

**Whole meeting** - Pennie Patane, Andrew Lamont, Daryl Lohrey, Ken Morley, John Doyle, Terry Buckley, Frank Rovers, Sam Humphries, Geoff Moar, Tim Heysen, David Nix, Tony Slater (NHRN Representative), Cath Botta (Chair), Marilyn Hill (Minute taker) & Christian Patterson (Hort Innovation)

**Present for the joint SIAP discussion** – Greg Murdoch, Anthony Kachenko, Brenda Kranz, Peter Whittle, Ben Callaghan & Bianca Cairns (Hort Innovation). Nigel Crump (ViCSPA). Adrian Dahlenburg (ARRIS). Jessica Lye & Shaun Lindhe (AUSVEG). Anne Ramsay, Peter Hardman, Brett Pemberton, Allan Smith, Angus Galloway, Michael Hicks (Processed Potato SIAP members).

**Apologies:** Ben Dowling

**Location:** Hort Innovation Sydney Offices

**Next Meeting:** Teleconference within 4 weeks  
Face-to-face (within 4 months)

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### Overview

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The fresh potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met at the Hort Innovation Sydney office. This was our first meeting with the new Chair, Cath Botta.

Given the recent possible incursion of the Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) in Western Australia this and the processed potato SIAP meeting was changed to affect a joint component on Tuesday March 7, 2017.

The fresh potato meeting held a discussion in person with Dr Jessica Lye from AUSVEG giving an update on the current situation with the TPP issue.

Horticulture Innovation has used first response funding to engage a key researcher from Plant & Food Research NZ to deliver possible responses to the incursion in regards to monitoring and control of TPP, as well as information on Integrated Pest Management and long term management planning.

The SIAP spent a considerable amount of time after that update from Dr Lye reviewing a raft of possible actions on the TPP issue. From the discussion the previous day with the processed potato SIAP, these actions were escalated and there were a number of development and investment opportunities proposed.

There were also two external presentations to the SIAP. The first was from ARRIS on the current project PT15002 followed by Dr Nigel Crump discussing a possible management plan for the potato varietal collection held at ViCSPA.

There was a brief update on the final version of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). Anyone wishing to comment on the plan should contact Christian Patterson at Hort Innovation on the details below.

This SIAP identified a need also in reviewing the new concepts which had been submitted to Hort Innovation through the Concept portal as well as directly to the Relationship Manager, Christian Patterson.

With the time taken to cover the TPP issue it was decided the next meeting would be a teleconference in the next 4 weeks to go through and review these concepts for advice to potentially progress further.

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

### Next steps

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The SIAP will meet in a teleconference to go through newly submitted ideas and concepts. The next face to face meeting is still to be determined but will be held within the next 4 months.

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