

Onion Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

Date: 20 April 2016

Location: Melbourne VIC

Next Meeting: September 2016

Attendance:

Julian Shaw
Peter Shadbolt
Richard Jones
Mike Rettke
Tony Higgs
Yvonne Smith
Steve Rathjen

Bradley Mills
Bianca Cairns
Craig Perring
Dr Peter Whittle
Dr Susannah Driessen
Jamie Kwong

Overview

Hort Innovation provided an induction for panel members outlining the objectives, governance and scope of operation of the panel. An overview of the Hort Innovation funding model, innovation process and procurement framework was also provided.

The panel discussed other key agenda items, including:

1. Minor use permits priorities - Some minor use data generation work was to be contracted for Bentazone-sodium minor use permits. Also, the top 5 priorities for pest & disease management were discussed where there is a current / likely future gap in chemicals available for control. These priorities were to be utilized in an Agvet Forum looking at ways to overcome chemical resistance in agriculture.
2. A presentation giving an overview of insights, recommendations and next steps required to develop the 2016-17 onion Marketing Program was provided to the advisory panel.
3. Onion industry biosecurity plan update, including the development of a biosecurity manual and a biosecurity awareness program.

A full list of onion industry projects and investment financials are available on the [onion grower webpage](#), via the Hort Innovation site.

Next steps

One of the key activities of the new SIAP will be to assist in the development of a new Strategic Investment plan for the industry. Opportunities for input from the broader onion industry will be made available and publicized in the near future.

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