# Olive Fund Annual Investment Plan 2025/26





## **Proposed investments**

Each year, olive industry representatives meet as an advisory panel to discuss investment recommendations in line with the Olive Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). At these meetings, the panel is provided with a financial forecast and an investment analysis of current investments. Based on this information, they provide Hort Innovation with advice on priorities for investment for the upcoming year.

The olive R&D advisory panel met on October 8, 2024 and February 17, 2025 to discuss, provide advice on, and prioritise recommendations on investments in 2025/26. No new projects were identified for investment.

### Current contracted R&D projects

Current contracted projects in the Olive Fund as at July 1, 2025, which are aligned to the respective outcomes and strategies in the Olive SIP, can be seen in Table 1. More information about these projects is available on the Hort Innovation website where the projects have a hyperlink.

Table 1. Current contracted olive R&D project actuals at 2025/25 and forecast to 2027/28

Project code	Project title	2024/25 Actual \$	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2O27/28 Forecast \$
MT21004	Consumer behavioural data program	-	-	-	_
MT21015	Horticulture Impact Assessment Program 2020/21 to 2022/23	1,247	-	-	-
MT23001	Strategic Agrichemical Review Process (SARP) 2023 updates	4,448	-	-	-
MT24005	Horticulture Impact Assessment Program 2023/24 to 2025/26	663	442	553	-
MT24008	Regulatory support and response co- ordination (pesticides)	1,198	799	799	1,198
<u>OL16000</u>	Olive industry minor use program	424	-	-	_
<u>OL22000</u>	Olive industry communications and extension program	115,000	115,000	115,000	153,280
OL22001	Increasing awareness of health benefits of Australian olive products	142,584	71,292	118,820	-
OL23001	Protecting our groves: the olive industry biosecurity project	57,670	12,858	9,579	13,100
<u>OL23OO2</u>	Olive oil quality monitoring program	28,350	18,900	25,992	_
OL2491O	Industry and grower consultation including SIAPs and EAPs	1,125	-	-	-
Total		353,431	219,291	270,742	167,578

## **Financial statements**

Financial statements for the olive R&D levy fund can be seen in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Olive R&D levy fund actuals at 2024/25 and forecast to 2027/28 (as at July 1, 2024)

	2024/25	2025/26 Forecast \$	2026/27 Forecast \$	2027/28 Forecast \$
	Actual \$			
Opening balance	179,271	168,459	202,420	130,555
Levies from growers	223,864	360,000	270,000	390,000
Commonwealth funds	210,009	297,554	313,354	270,367
Other income	6,369	3,481	4,415	3,785
Total income	440,241	661,035	587,768	664,151
Project funding <sup>1</sup>	353,431	260,783	287,374	185,027
Available for investment	-	240,000	240,000	270,000
Service delivery	66,586	94,324	99,333	85,706
Total matched expenditure	420,017	595,107	626,707	540,733
Federal Government levy collection costs	31,036	31,967	32,926	33,914
Annual levy cash movement	-10,812	33,961	-71,865	89,504
Closing balance	168,459	202,420	130,555	220,060

Note:

<sup>1.</sup> Project funding includes committed projects and projects supported by the advisory panel and currently in the process of procurement.

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