

## Chestnut Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 5th Sept 2017

**Location:** Teleconference

**Next Meeting:** TBA

**Attendance:**

Jane Casey, Luciano Cester, Heather Kane, David McIntyre, Tom Robertson, Claude Gauchat (Chair), Corrine Jasper (Hort Innovation), Brenda Kranz (Hort Innovation)

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### Overview

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Hort Innovation's chestnut industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) met on a teleconference call on the September 5, 2017 to discuss current R&D issues, in particular nut rot and levy funding limitations.

The current financial limitations within the R&D fund were discussed and it was proposed that no further projects were to be contracted until the levy fund was back in a surplus position again.

The panel also discussed the current levy split between Marketing and R&D. Members advised that CAI were currently in discussions with growers to change the percentage split.

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

### Next steps

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SIAP to reconvene to discuss nut rot in 12 months' time.

Investigate other sources of funding outside of the levy.

### Contact

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