

## Nursery Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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<b>Attendees</b>	Karen Brock, Peter Vaughan, Sonja Cameron, Hamish Mitchell, John Bunker, Carole Fudge, Mike Mehigan, Anthony Tesselaar. Bob Granger (Chair)  John Vatikiotis (Hort Innovation), Byron De Kock (Hort Innovation), Anthony Kachenko (Hort Innovation), David Weisz (Hort Innovation), Neil Burgess (Hort Innovation), Penny Measham (Hort Innovation)
<b>Apologies</b>	Michael Worthington
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference – Dial in 1800 896 323 or 02 8088 0900 Pin – 4970006213
<b>Date</b>	9 October 2018
<b>Time</b>	2:30pm – 4:00pm
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	General updates from previous SIAP meeting held on the 7 and 8 August. Review R&D concepts linked to the Nursery Marketing Program.

**Location:** Teleconference

**Next Meeting:** 25 and 27 of February 2019

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### Overview

The SIAP teleconference was held on the 9 October 2018. The teleconference focused on key items highlighted below.

#### R&D Update

**Update on MT16004 RD&E program for control, eradication and preparedness for Vegetable leafminer.**

#### **Background:**

Vegetable leafminer has spread throughout the islands of Torres Strait since 2008, and was finally detected at Seisia on the Cape York Peninsula in 2015. Ongoing monitoring has principally been conducted by NAQS. Defining pathways for continued spread throughout the Cape York Peninsula is now an urgent priority for potentially affected industries, including melons.

This project has been designed to aid in generating much needed information about current status in Cape York Peninsula and the further spread of the pest towards Australian production regions in order to increase industry preparedness and response. The RD&E program centres around 4 components of work:

Project Component 1: Contingency Plan

Project Component 2: Engagement and Communication

Program Component 3: Distribution, Spread and Potential Control

Program Component 4: Chemical Control Options and Emergency Use

**Update on MT16004 RD&E program for control, eradication and preparedness for Vegetable leafminer.****Background:**

In 2015, the vegetable leafminer (VLM: *Liriomyza sativae*) was detected for the first time on the Australian mainland. Two additional leafminer species (*Liriomyza trifolii* and *Liriomyza huidobrensis*), which are both very serious agricultural pests worldwide, have now been detected in neighbouring Timor-Leste.

As highly polyphagous insects, which are capable of infesting a broad range of crops, these extra species represent a significant threat to numerous plant-based industries in Australia, including melons, cotton, grains, potatoes, onions, vegetables and the nursery industry. As well as having large host ranges, on- and off-farm, the control of these pests can prove difficult due to their propensity to develop resistance to broad spectrum insecticides.

**Concepts Review**

There were a number of concepts put up for advice during the teleconference. Following are concepts relating to the Nursery Marketing Program.

Description
Comprehensive watering matrix for indoor plants
Understanding attitudes to urban green space for government and business audiences
National 2020 Vision tour to engage government business and growers

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