

## Processed potato industry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 27 July 2017

**Attendance:**

**Whole meeting** - Anne Ramsay, Peter Hardman, Josh Opas, (SIAP members), Calum Wilson (NHRN Representative), Cath Botta (Chair), Marilyn Hill (Minute taker), Greg Murdoch (Hort Innovation) & Christian Patterson (Hort Innovation)

**Present for the part of the day** – Bianca Cairns (Hort Innovation), Pennie Patane, Ben Dowling, Daryl Lohrey, John Doyle, Terry Buckley, Frank Rovers, Tim Heysen, David Nix & Kathy Ophelkeller (NHRN Representative).

Apologies: Brett Pemberton, Allan Smith, Angus Galloway & Paul McBeth

**Location:** Holiday Inn, Melbourne Airport

**Next Meeting:** Face-to-face (within 3 months)

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### Overview

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The processed potato Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP) convened a meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Melbourne Airport.

It was great to be able to include Calum Wilson to the meeting as the new NHRN Representative, we look forward to his input into the SIAP.

The meeting was very productive discussing a number of new concepts with support for most of them. The primary objective was to combine the meeting with the growers given the level of co-funded opportunities currently and potentially moving forward.

If there are any new ideas or concepts these can be submitted through the Concept portal as well as directly to the Relationship Manager, Christian Patterson (see: <http://horticulture.com.au/about/investing-is-our-business/concept-proposal-form/>).

The current Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP) incursion is still very much a concern and the industry is focused on trying to determine the best way forward as a collaborative group to best manage the incursion. More information to follow.

There was a brief update on the live version of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). The processors highlighted their thanks for the help in developing the SIP, their participation was vital in the development of the right plan. Anyone wishing to comment on the plan should contact Christian Patterson at Hort Innovation on the details below.

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

### Next steps

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Christian Patterson is to present a bundled package of current projects with a more descriptive explanation of them for greater clarity.

The next face to face meeting is still to be determined but will be held within the next 3 months.

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