

## Raspberry & Blackberry Strategic Investment Advisory Panel meeting summary

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**Date:** 1 March 2018

**Attendance:** Jeff Mathews; Jon Gleeson; Kate Sutherland; Richard McGruddy; Nicholas Miall; Phil Rowe; Jason Schmidt; Brad Mills; Stuart Burgess;

**Location:** Parkroyal Hotel, Melbourne Airport

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 11 October 2018

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### Overview

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The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Review and prioritise the objectives, strategies and actions identified in the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)
2. Assess project concepts received and develop the scope of key investment priorities.
3. Review/ prioritise raspberry & blackberry R&D investment priorities for the next 12 months.

An update was provided on a range of activities currently involving Hort Innovation including the upcoming review by the Australian Government (occurs every four years) as well as improvements in transparency of operations. This included discussions regarding further cost allocation breakdowns in industry financial reports. The resignation of Hort Innovation CEO John Lloyd was also mentioned.

The SIAP reviewed the current SIP and identified gaps in current investments under the SIP's various strategies as well as prioritising the strategies for future investments.

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

### Next steps

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The SIAP recommended that a number of priority investment concepts including export market development, leadership training and biosecurity be developed for potential tender and future investment.

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