

## **Transitional Deed Governance Group**

**Meeting 4/2014**

**18 September 2014**

### **Communiqué**

**Members:**

Geoff Gwyn, MPI (Chair)  
Barry O'Neil, KVH  
Owen Symmans, NZ Pork  
Alan Pollard, Pipfruit NZ

**Secretariat:**

Lois Ransom  
Sarah Vaughan  
Adam Benseman

Zena Groom (Note taker)

**Advisers:**

Lindsay Burton, DCANZ

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from David Hayes, MPI, and Peter Silcock, Horticulture NZ.

### **Matters discussed**

The TDGG welcomed Alan Pollard of Pipfruit NZ. Mr Pollard participated as a full member given Pipfruit NZ's application is with the Minister for Primary Industries. This is consistent with the final DGG operating model.

The Transitional Deed Governance Group met in Wellington on 18 September 2014, in conjunction with its meeting of the Board of Plant Health Australia. The Board was visiting New Zealand for discussions on plant health issues with a range of industries and government.

The agenda focussed on the outcomes and outputs of the September Forum, including the Secretariat analysis of participant feedback, priority activities for the TDGG and Secretariat to September 2015 with reference to Forum outcomes, and an updated activities calendar. The Secretariat report to Forum participants was agreed for publication on the website and will be circulated through the newsletter.

The TDGG met with the Plant Health Australia Board. Discussions focussed on Australia's Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed, its implementation, lessons learned and to be avoided and wider benefits. Frameworks were identified as important to enable partnerships and progression of issues, as was preparing for response before an incursion – citing the 'heat of battle' as not the best place to decide matters like cost shares, compensation or finances. The Board agreed that a major benefit of the Deed and PHA has been the maturing of industries into effective biosecurity partnerships that have produced better biosecurity outcomes and greater awareness of and investment in biosecurity as a whole.

The TDGG will hold its next meeting (5/2014) on 29 October in Wellington.