**Transitional Deed Governance Group**

**Meeting 6/2015**

**Meeting Summary**

**3 November 2015**

The Transitional Deed Governance Group (TDGG) held its last formal meeting of 2015 in Wellington on 3 November 2015. There have been further personnel changes since the last meeting, with the full attendance as follows –

**TDGG attendees**

Michael Ahern – representing Onions NZ
Geoff Gwyn - representing MPI (Chair)
Frances Clement - representing NZ Pork
Barry O’Neil – representing Kiwifruit Vine Health
Trish Pearce - representing NZ Equine Health Association
Alan Pollard - representing Pipfruit NZ

**Observers**

Nikki Johnson – representing NZ Citrus Growers Inc
Lindsay Burton (DCANZ) - representing the dairy and red meat sectors
Brigid Jenkins (NZ Forest Owners Association) – representing forestry sector
Richard Palmer (Hort NZ) representing the wider horticultural sector
Jen Scoular – representing NZ Avocado Growers Association
David Talbot – representing MPI’s GIA project team

Discussion focused on the role of the governance group itself, as required to implement the specific requirements of the GIA Deed, and in consideration of the opportunities offered by the growing partnership. TDGG considers its primary accountability is to ensure the core activity outlined in the Deed is delivered. Beyond that, it expects to play a leading role in the governance of New Zealand’s biosecurity system, through representing the collective interests of GIA partners to proactively influence the delivery of biosecurity services, policy, and research and development initiatives. TDGG expects to refine this position into a statement of purpose that will be used to frame the group and Secretariat’s activities, and used as a basis for finalising operating rules for TDGG.

TDGG agreed in principle to a project for assessing the success of the GIA programme. As the output of this project will be of use to both MPI and the GIA partners, the GIA Secretariat will work closely with MPI’s Research and Evaluation team – which will undertake the actual research required.

TDGG continued preliminary discussion about the review of the implementation of the GIA Deed scheduled for two years after the first signing (April 2016). It has formed a sub-committee to look at the options for this process.

TDGG agreed to adopt a revised Confidentiality Deed, and this has now been issued as the standard for GIA activities (GIA governance, involvement in responses, and Operational Agreement negotiations).

TDGG expects to hold a further teleconference in December to wrap up the year’s activities. It will continue the current practice of holding formal meetings bi-monthly for 2016 (starting in February 2016), with teleconferences in between formal meetings as required.