**GIA Deed Governance Group (DGG)**

**Meeting Summary 14 June 2016**

**GIA Governance**

DGG appreciated the opportunity to engage with Government on the Biosecurity 2025 draft discussion document. Going through this process helped DGG to better understand its role in the wider biosecurity system. DGG agreed to undertake a project to consider New Zealand’s biosecurity system, and how the emerging role of GIA Signatories will be integrated to provide better biosecurity outcomes promised by GIA.

DGG also agreed that with the continued growth of the GIA partnership, it is necessary to review the framework for how the Deed is governed. The Secretariat was asked to develop a governance framework that will incorporate the growing DGG that is now developing as more Signatories join GIA.

 **Biosecurity Forum**Options for a late 2016 Biosecurity Forum were discussed, with announcements in this regard expected shortly.

**GIA Risk Management**

DGG agreed a risk management framework for GIA, and agreed to regularly review current and emerging risks to ensure these are actively managed and mitigated. This relates to the administration and implementation of the GIA Deed, not the identification of biosecurity risks, which is managed elsewhere.

**GIA Success Measures**

DGG noted the findings of the recent Colmar Brunton interviews with Signatories and non-Signatories about what a successful GIA looks like. DGG approved the adoption of an initial set of indicators to gauge the ongoing success of GIA.

**Health & Safety**

DGG noted the implications of recent changes to health and safety legislation and the role of Signatories in governing the GIA Deed and sharing decisions for biosecurity readiness and response activities. This will become a regular item for consideration by the DGG, and additional legal clarification will be sought on the liabilities of GIA participants before a formal policy is adopted.

**Participation in Workshops**

DGG discussed sending GIA representatives to a forthcoming Incident Planning Forum in Wellington hosted by MPI; and a Research Development & Education Workshop in Melbourne hosted by Plant Health Australia.

**GIA Deed Review**

The afternoon session was an extended workshop considering possible changes to the GIA Deed, based on feedback received from a range of Deed Signatories and non-Signatories. Initial timeframes have moved back a little. DGG expects to consider any final changes at its next meeting in August 2016. It will circulate information about these proposals for change following the meeting.

**Next meeting**

The next DGG meeting is scheduled for late August 2016.