

# GIA Biosecurity Forum 2015/I

## Agenda



The GIA Biosecurity Forum is open to GIA Deed Signatories, primary industry organisations and representatives from other organisations that have a role in NZ's biosecurity system.  
Register online at [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz).

**Date:** Thursday 12 March 2015

**Time:** 9am to 5.30pm, with a networking session from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

**Where:** Intercontinental Hotel, 2 Grey Street, Wellington

**8.30 Registration**, coffee/tea on arrival

**9.00 Welcome**

*Geoff Gwyn, Chair of the Transitional Deed Governance Group*

**9.05 Opening address**

*Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries*

**9.30 Partnership in the wider biosecurity system**

*Julie Collins and Geoff Daniels, MPI*

The GIA Deed recognises that both industry and MPI have a role in the biosecurity system, and that signatories will work in collaboration to improve biosecurity outcomes. MPI representatives will discuss how MPI is approaching partnership in the wider biosecurity system and opportunities for MPI and industry to engage.

**10.30 Morning break**

**10.50 Yellow spotted stink bug: GIA response decision making in action**

*Brendan Gould, MPI, Alan Pollard, Pipfruit NZ, Bill Dyck, NZ Forest Owners Association, Barry O'Neil, Kiwifruit Vine Health*

The yellow spotted stink bug response was the first biosecurity response run under GIA. Industry and MPI representatives who were involved in the response will discuss what happened, the lessons they learned and advice for other industries.

**11.40 Interpreting minimum commitments: an MPI view**

*David Talbot, MPI*

At the September 2014 Forum delegates discussed industry Signatories' approaches to defining minimum commitments. In this session delegates will have the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on MPI's discussion paper: [MPI's interpretation of the GIA minimum commitments for readiness and response](#).

**12.45 Lunch**

**1.40 Be prepared: Industry and MPI readiness activities**

*Glen Neal, MPI, Barry O'Neil, KVH, Trish Pearce, NZ Equine Health Association, Andrew Harrison, Nursery and Garden Industry NZ*

What are industry and MPI doing to prepare for a biosecurity incursion? In this session delegates will have the opportunity to hear from MPI and industry organisations about

their readiness activities, including the fruit fly operational agreement, and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

#### **2.45 Putting it all together**

*Steve Rich, GIA Secretariat*

Steve Rich, GIA Secretariat Manager, will discuss the major themes that have emerged from the day and other activities in the wider GIA implementation programme.

#### **3.15 Close of GIA Biosecurity Forum and Afternoon break**

#### **3.40 Practice, practice, practice: a biosecurity response exercise**

Biosecurity investigators have found something that is not wanted in New Zealand. Industry and MPI have initiated a response. Now they have to decide on a course of action.

This desktop exercise simulates a response strategic leadership (RSL) meeting. RSL members – drawn from Forum participants – will discuss a mock response brief presented by a response manager and decide what action to take. Delegates, who will observe the RSL deliberations, will vote on their preferred course of action. This workshop will help delegates understand what is involved in RSL and prepare them for making decisions during responses.

#### **5.15 Networking session – refreshments provided**

### **Background reading**

Delegates should review the following material to prepare for discussions at the Forum:

- [GIA Response Guide](#)
- [MPI's interpretation of the GIA minimum commitments for readiness and response](#)
- [About the yellow spotted stink bug](#)

### **About the Forum**

The GIA Biosecurity Forum is organised by the Secretariat for the Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response (GIA) on behalf of the GIA Transitional Deed Governance Group. This forum is the opportunity for all parties with an interest in GIA to come together to:

- Share experience and practice related to GIA
- Direct the work programme for implementing GIA

For more information about GIA, please visit [www.gia.org.nz](http://www.gia.org.nz)

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