



Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response

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This semi-regular update from the GIA Secretariat is intended to provide a general overview of the key matters considered by GIA governance bodies in the preceding month. It is not intended to communicate formal decisions by any of the parties, nor everything that happens within GIA. If there are any questions, or further information is required please contact steve.rich@gia.org.nz

GIA Operations Limited Board (GOL): 14 April

The following key matters discussed were:

- Outcomes from the recent Deed Governance Group meeting, including potential refinements to the Deed and early feedback from stakeholder polling.
- Consideration of Māori engagement approaches, including the role and expectations of the Kahui and how it fits alongside broader sector engagement.

Plant Sector Māori Advisor Pilot Steering Group: 28 April

The following key matters discussed were:

- The pilot among GIA plant sector partners to engage an advisor test and reinforce existing response plans through a Te ao Māori lens to enhance mana whenua support/partnership in a response and improving biosecurity outcomes is drawing to a close.
- At this meeting the Steering Group considered and was impressed by draft final reporting and emerging recommendations for work through 2026/27 and out years and will provide a report to the Plant Biosecurity Council meeting in June 2026.
- At that meeting, the Plant Biosecurity Council will be asked to consider:
 - what actions to pursue as the Plant Council
 - what to present to DGG, and
 - what potential crown obligations MPI should consider.
- The Plant Biosecurity Council will also consider how the work, if any, should be resourced and funded through 2026/27.

Pest Impact and Beneficiary Classification (PIBC) Steering Group: 29 April

The following key matters discussed were:

- The Steering Group for the PIBC project met on 29 April 2026 and provided feedback on the final draft for the working model for Intra-industry Benefit Assessment (IIBA). The IIBA is now ready for use.

- Work on the Public Private Benefit Assessment (PPBA) has made some progress through the first two milestones, but the work has been slowed to align with the Deed review and its work on two issues related to the PIBC, the counterfactual and beneficiary definitions. Completion of the PPBA work is now scheduled for June 2027.
- The IIBA may also be impacted by Deed review outcomes, and the final version of this model is expected in September/October 2026.