



# NZPPI Government Industry Agreement (GIA) Proposal

# Proposal for NZPPI to join GIA

**We are seeking feedback from our members, stakeholders and MPI on a proposal for the plant production sector to join GIA.**

- After considering its options, the NZPPI board has supported a proposal to progress joining GIA on behalf of NZPPI's members.
- We are intending to consult on this proposal with our members, stakeholders and the plant production industry, early 2020.
- As a GIA signatory, NZPPI will be recognised as the lead organisation representing the plant production sector in biosecurity.
- NZPPI will continue to fund its commitments for biosecurity readiness from its member subscriptions.



# How GIA works

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Government Industry Agreement (GIA) is a partnership between the primary industry and government to manage new pests and diseases. GIA was established in 2012, under the Biosecurity Act (1993).

Signatories share the decision-making, responsibilities and costs of preparing for and respond to, biosecurity incursions.

GIA signatories negotiate and agree Operational Agreements (OA) for readiness, or to manage a response.

The government contributes a minimum of 50% of readiness activity costs and MPI is responsible for meeting the public share of costs, when the public is the beneficiary.





# Why now?

## Why NZPPI is looking at this now:

- Develop a fit for purpose biosecurity framework for our sector and further strengthening our relationship with the GIA sector organisations & Govt.
- Increase protection for NZPPI members in a crisis.
- New (proposed) OA's for Xylella, Vegetable, seeds and forage crops and a nursery pathway management plan.
- The ability to attract a 50% funding contribution from Government for some of our biosecurity readiness initiatives.
- The GIA signatories are encouraging NZPPI to join GIA as a partner - being seen to contribute to NZ's biosecurity system.
- GIA offers a way to gain a better understanding of the biosecurity risks that affect our sector and to take a more structured, science-based approach to managing risk.



# Outcomes we are seeking from GIA



## **Influence with government**

NZPPI will have a seat at the decision-making table in a crisis.



## **Cost sharing**

The ability to leverage NZPPI's biosecurity expenditure against the (50%) govt contribution.



## **Awareness and understanding of risk**

Improving our understanding of biosecurity risks, backed by science.



## **Response preparedness**

The ability to agree the management and cost share of a biosecurity response in advance of an incursion.



## **Partnerships with industry**

The ability for NZPPI to work closely with industry bodies and for our members to work more directly with their customers and stakeholders, building trust and confidence.



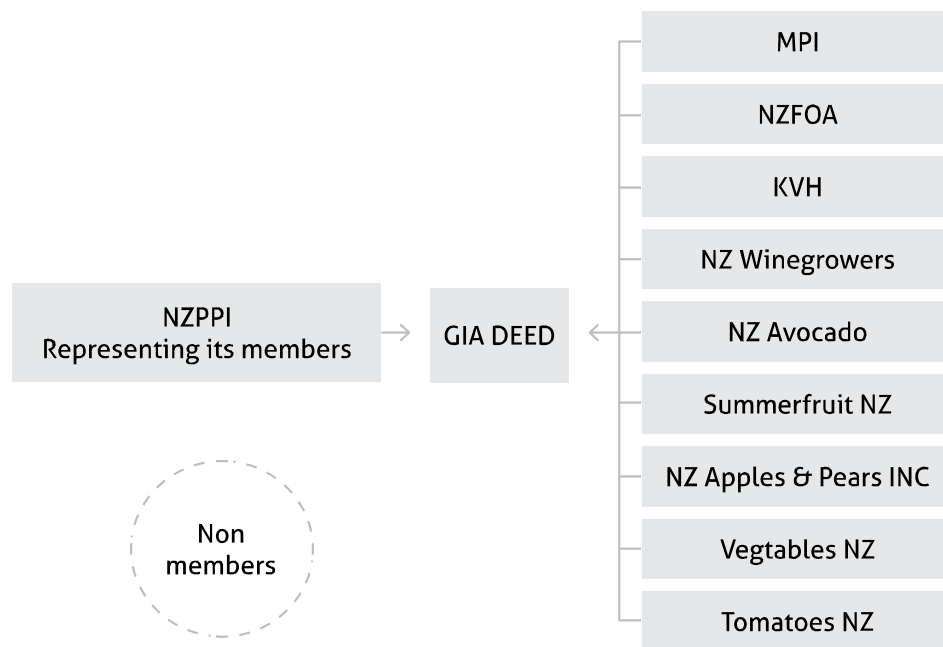
## **Reducing the impact of a crisis response**

Using GIA to improve decision making processes in a crisis. This will help to minimise unjustified, punitive, over-reaction and over-reach of powers from growers in an incursion.

# Our Proposal

*It is proposed that NZPPI joins GIA to represents its members.*

NZPPI would sign GIA on behalf of its members. Non-members would not be represented in GIA.



## Benefits:

- Easy to get support for this from our members
- NZPPI's expenditure on biosecurity is recognised
- Avoids the need for a sector wide biosecurity levy for readiness
- Easy to engage with NZPPI members on GIA issues
- NZPPI members represents the majority of the \$ value of the sector (good mandate)
- Addresses free riding from nurseries that are not contributing to biosecurity
- NZPPI membership is a way for all plant producers to contribute to biosecurity

# Our proposed approach

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NZPPI will seek to be recognised as the lead organisation for the plant production sector in GIA.

NZPPI will seek to work with the existing nursery industry organisations (e.g. VINA, Avocado Nursery Assn, Kiwifruit Nursery Assn (proposed))

NZPPI will encourage industry associations and Govt to recognise NZPPI members & their contribution to biosecurity, vrs non-members, that are not contributing.



# A proposed framework

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**With agreement from the GIA sector organisations, NZPPI is recognised as the lead organisation for biosecurity readiness & response in the plant production (nursery) sector.**

*This may be supported by an MoU with each of the GIA sector organisations.*

## **In this role NZPPI will perform the following functions:**

- Sign the GIA Deed
- Deliver and fund the GIA minimum commitments
- Sign and contribute to OA's
- Negotiate on behalf of plant producers in biosecurity crisis
- Deliver & fund biosecurity readiness activities: PPBS, guidance, workshops, communication, research, etc.
- Develop industry crisis management plan
- Coordinate and administer GIA readiness & response activities
- Represents the sector on the GIA Plants Council (& other forums - GERMAC/ PMAC etc).



# NZPPI & Biosecurity

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- Biosecurity is a key strategic priority for NZPPI.
- Over the past 2 years we have developed a strong capability in biosecurity, appointing a full time biosecurity manager, adding to the existing capability in the organisation.
- NZPPI is leading the development of the Plant Production Biosecurity Scheme (PPBS) alongside MPI and horticulture, viticulture and forestry industries.
- We represent the nursery sector on the GIA Plants Council, participating in governance and technical activities, building strong relationships with other industry groups.
- NZPPI has been involved in a number of biosecurity incursions over the past 2 years. Including Myrtle Rust, the US (fruit tree) quarantine crisis, Impatiens Downey Mildew, Poinsettia thrips, etc.

## About NZPPI

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Established in 2017, we are the peak industry body for the businesses that propagate and grow plant for forests, native plants and ecology, food, viticulture and amenity plantings.

Our mission is to support our members by creating a positive industry profile & business environment.

We are a voluntary membership organisation:

- We represent approximately 50% of businesses in our sector & 75% of sector value.
- Our work is funded by subscriptions from our members.