**Attachment One**

**Project Initiatives supporting the Strategy Planks Updated Oct 2017**

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| 1. **Market Led Export** | | | | | | |
|  | **Status** | | **Progress October 2017** | | | |
| 1.1 Extend shipping life (to 3 – 4 weeks). | Complete.  New proposal. | | Fresher by Sea project completed and disseminated to exporters, Late 2016  CA Storage project proposal for consideration at Oct 2017 meeting. | | | |
| 1.2 When identified, facilitate market access to new export markets. | Ongoing | | Provided MPI updated info on China opportunities, Oct ‘17  Participation at Asia Fruit Logistica, Sept 17 | | | |
| 1.3 Provide support to exporters to meet market access requirements. | Ongoing | | Managed Thailand registrations each October;  Investigated export market requirements at exporters request;  Work with MPI and exporters on phytosanitary inspection processes (Australia OPI, and truss tomato inspection requirements for Canada;  Responded to enquiries from offshore e.g. market researchers from Japan, Oct ‘17. Potential meeting in Jan ’18;  Participate in Plants Markets Access Council (PMAC) and their projects (including Food Safety Assurances and Fruit Fly Market Access Contingencies);  Spreadsheet listing MRL’s for tope export destinations updated. | | | |
| 1. **Sharing Best Practise and Information Transfer** | | | | | | |
| **Initiative** | **Status** | | **Progress update Sept 2016** | | | |
| ***Fresh Tomato Growers*** | | | | | | |
| 2.1 Encourage and provide forums for the discussion of issues of common interest among NZ Fresh Tomato Growers and industry stakeholders e.g. sharing best practise. | Forums held.  More need developing for 2018 | | Annual conference held 2017- some first-time attendees. Planning underway for 2018;  Two whitefly workshops were run for the Bioassay project in March and May;  An exporters forum (toms and caps) held March 17;  Participated in VR&I research forum.  Collection & collation of Statistics NZ data for fresh tomatoes | | | |
| 2.2 Catalogue knowledge (i.e. past, present and future production research) and make more accessible to growers. | Concept | | Work on updating much of the website was completed in 2016 completed, but still need to catalogue research. | | | |
| 2.3 Project work outcomes disseminated to growers. | As required | | Achieved via summaries provided in NZ Grower magazine reports, emails to growers and the TomatoesNZ Website. | | | |
| ***Industry Stakeholders*** | | | | | | |
| 2.4 Strengthen connections with international expertise. | Ongoing | | Participation of MAS in international pest control/agrichemical forums –partly through industry funded projects.  Bringing international speakers/consultants to NZ around conference - did not occur in 2017. Consider again for 2018.  Contacts from past visits have been used for advice during the year – Mike Bledsoe and Ines van Marrewijk and Rob Jacobsen. | | | |
| 2.5 Support Horticulture NZ’s work in people development and leadership including through providing feedback and participation in HortNZ’s activities. | Limited activity | | Sponsorship of Young Vegetable Grower of the Year dinner (table) in 2016.  Participation in HortNZ’s Women in Horticulture group and funding contribution to research project. | | | |
| ***Consumers*** | | | | |
| 2.6 Carry out generic promotion of the consumption of fresh vegetables including tomatoes to consumers. | | Ongoing | | Vegetables.co.nz – increased funding from 2017-18 year. Participated in development of updated strategy, 2017;  Member of United Fresh. | |
| 2.7 Publically raise issues of concern to the industry and public | | As required | | Positive outcome of FSANZ irradiation labelling requirements review;  Support HortNZ’s work promoting CoOL with a press release in support of the Green’s bill;  Press releases and workshops about bio control agent *Tamarixia.* | |
| 2.8 Promote a positive image of the industry to the public and industry influencers including conveying the industry vision. | | Concept | | This has evolved in to a discussion on NZ food security, which HortNZ have taken up with government and the public.  NZIER work on “value” of sector to NZ underway | |
| 1. **Enhance Sustainability** | | | | |
| **Initiative** | **Status** | | | **Progress update** |
| 3.1 Develop and promote Sustainable Pest Managment |  | | |  |
| 1. Whitefly Agchem feasibility study completed | In progress | | | New Whitefly Agchems project ongoing. Will be rolled into PGP if/when that progresses |
| 1. Bioassay for insecticide susceptibility project | Complete | | | Bioassay project completed |
| 1. Tamarixia release and monitoring SFF project | Underway | | | First releases occurred August 2017, SFF to get underway summer 17/18, after a delay |
| 1. Participation in PGP project on minor crop pest management |  | | | Participating in development of Business Case, and have committed funds. |
| 1. New Biocontrol Agents for glasshouses – Lincoln project |  | | | Commences this summer and runs for two years. |
| 3.2 Understand and prioritise the industry’s science needs (develop a research and innovation strategy). |  | | | Not articulated as a separate piece of work, though identifiable through this list of initiatives and strategy document. |
| 3.3 Enhance social sustainability by creating a ‘back story’. | Limited activity | | | NZIER proposal for CGE model.  HortNZ has picked up the “social licence” theme |
| 3.4 Define environmental sustainability, benchmark internationally and set targets for the New Zealand industry. | Ongoing | | | Energy update of data for greenhouse crops project approved, but not yet underway  NZGAP - Foundation member of NZGAP, and representation on the NZGAP board). |
| 3.5 Reviewing past work on energy efficiency, waste streams/recycling (e.g. substrates, packaging, water) and “foot printing”. Update and develop this work and encourage uptake by growers. | Concept | | | Energy update of data for greenhouse crops project approved, but not yet underway  Conference session covering NZ research (Scion) on sustainable waste management and energy generation from waste |
| **4. Manage Risk** | | | | |
| **Initiative** | **Status** | | | **Progress update** |
| 4.1 Biosecurity | Ongoing | | | Now a signatory to the GIA Deed and two Operational Agreements. Working on a sector operational agreement, and discussing multi-sector OA with other vegetable groups.  Biosecurity levy consultation complete and application document drafted  Continuing “Minimum commitments” work as a GIA partner  Engagement with MPI on Echniotrhips find (Aug 17) and surveillance  Monitoring Biosecurity Risks Project (VR&I)  Participation in FreshPAC (MPI’s fresh plants Import advisory committee) |
| 4.2 Health & Safety | Ongoing | | | Piperail trolley guidelines awaiting next steps  Possible need for a “working at heights” greenhouse guideline too, and others.  Washwater sanitisers project (VR&I) |
| 4.3 Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) | Ongoing | | | Advocacy and investigating options for growers  Submission made to the Productivity Inquiry on Climate Change, Oct ‘17  Update NZ energy data project to be carried out |
| 4.4 Food Safety | Ongoing | | | MRL/PHI information for fresh tomatoes – annual update completed.. Poster produced and ready for circulation to growers.  New work providing additional label information proposed for October meeting. |