

AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS AT THE CROSSROADS PROGRAM – 29 & 30 May 2013

Wednesday, 29 May 2013

9.00 – 10.30 am

An overview of current Australian and international agricultural innovation systems



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Session sponsor: *Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation*

Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute

Professor Caroline Saunders, Professor of Trade and Environmental Economics, and Director, AERU, Lincoln University (NZ)

Professor Rick Roush, Dean, Melbourne School of Land and Environment, University of Melbourne

Questions and discussion

10.30 – 10.45 am

Morning tea

10.45 am – 12.15 pm

The view from the ground: What do the 'customers' want or need?

Tyran Jones, Dairyfarmer, and Director, Gardiner Foundation

James Clark, Chair, Grains Research and Development Corporation Northern Panel

Lucinda Corrigan, Partner and Director, Rennylea Pastoral Company

Questions and discussion

12.15 – 1.15 pm

Workshop 1: Objectives of a future Australian agricultural innovation system

Workshop sponsor: *Woolworths*



Woolworths
Australia's fresh food people

1.15 – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 – 4.00 pm

A national R,D&E strategy: Is it desirable and/or achievable?

Session sponsor: *Cotton Research and Development Corporation*

Matthew Koval, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Productivity Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Ian Halliday, Managing Director, Dairy Australia

Rob Delane, Director General, Department of Agriculture and Food, WA

Questions and discussion

4.00 – 4.15 pm

Afternoon tea

4.15 – 5.30 pm

Workshop 2: Is a national R,D&E strategy desirable? Main hurdles and opportunities

6.00 – 9.00 pm

Pre-dinner drinks and dinner

Keynote speaker: Professor Ian Chubb AC, Chief Scientist of Australia
The role of science in optimising innovation in Australian agriculture



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Agricultural extension: Is the system dying or a new model evolving?

Session sponsor: *Auscott*

Charlie Walker, Technical and Development Manager,
Incitec Pivot Fertilisers

Nigel McGuckian, Senior Fellow, RM Consulting Group

Austin McLennan, President, Australasia-Pacific Extension Network

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The future role of government in the Australian agricultural innovation system

Dr John Keniry AM, Commissioner, NSW Natural Resources Commission

Duncan Fraser, President, National Farmers' Federation

Dr Brian Fisher AO, Managing Director, BAEconomics

Professor Holger Meinke, Director and Head of School,
Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania

Questions and discussion

12.20 – 1.10 pm

Lunch

1.10 – 2.30 pm

What is the role of universities and government research organisations in the agricultural innovation system?

Associate Professor Richard Eckard, Director, Primary Industries
Climate Challenges Centre, University of Melbourne

Professor James Rowe, Chief Executive Officer, Sheep CRC

Dr Brian Keating, Director, CSIRO Sustainable Agriculture Flagship

Questions and discussion

2.30 – 2.45 pm

Report summary: Where should extension be in 2020

Mike Stephens, National President, Australian Institute of Agriculture

2.45 – 3.45 pm

Workshop 3: Key strategic issues for the future of the Australian agricultural innovation system

3.45 – 4.00 pm

Afternoon tea

4.00 – 5.00 pm

Concluding panel: A strategy for Australian agricultural R,D&E

James Clark, Chair, Grains Research and Development Corporation
Northern Panel

Associate Professor Richard Eckard, Director, Primary Industries
Climate Challenges Centre, University of Melbourne

Andrew Metcalfe AO, Secretary, Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

Dr Ed McGruder, Senior Director, Emerging Markets R&D,
Elanco Animal Health

Dr Jane Weatherley, R&D Communications and Adoption manager,
Meat & Livestock Australia