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<b>TAG Chair</b> Dr Scott McDougall	Managing Director, Cognosco (Research and Development in Animal Health), NZ	NZ farming and veterinary expertise	Involved in the New Zealand dairy industry as a veterinarian and researcher for over 25 years. Leading expert on mastitis in NZ. Former scientist for the Dairy Research organisation (now Dairy NZ).
Professor Robin Nicholas	Consultant, UK Previous Head of the Mycoplasma Reference Lab, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Defra, UK	Microbiology, <i>Mycoplasma</i> bacteria	Leading European expert on mycoplasma diseases, author of two books and numerous scientific articles on mycoplasma bacteria
Professor Glenn Browning	Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Animal Health, University of Melbourne	Microbiology	Veterinary microbiologist with an interest in the development of diagnostic tests and their use in understanding the epidemiology of infectious diseases in livestock.
Professor Jeff Caswell	Professor of Pathology, Ontario Vet College	Pathology	Canadian veterinary researcher with a particular experience of bacterial infections and immune responses, including mycoplasma-related lung disease in beef cattle.
Dr Stephen Cobb	Independent consultant, SRC Associates, NZ	Risk assessment; <i>Mycoplasma</i> surveillance	Veterinarian with experience in surveillance, field investigation and diagnosis of <i>Mycoplasma bovis</i> in the UK. Expert in animal health risk analysis and former manager of MPI's animal and aquatic risk analysis team.
Dr Mark Humphris	Dairy Veterinary Consultant, The Milk Road, Australia	Applied diagnostics and disease control	Specialist dairy veterinarian, who is a Project Leader for Dairy Australia and was on the Steering Group for Mycoplasma Research in Australia. Consults to dairy industry, and has a strong focus on disease prevention and for education in driving change.

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Professor Larry Fox	Professor of Dairy, Washington State University	<i>Mycoplasma</i> epidemiology and disease control	Leading US researcher on dairy management with particular expertise in mastitis, including the role of <i>Mycoplasma</i> in mastitis.
Dr John Morton	Jemora, Geelong, Australia	Veterinary epidemiology	Veterinary epidemiological consultant; former Head Membership Examiner in Veterinary Epidemiology for Aust. and NZ College of Veterinary Scientists; former Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Uni. Queensland; expertise in study design, data analysis and interpretation.
Professor Nigel French	Massey University	Epidemiology, disease control, use of genetics in epidemiology	Professor of Food Safety & Public Health, Director of the NZ Food safety Science a& Research Centre, Director of Infectious Disease Research Centre, Exec Director of the Infectious Disease Research Centre and the Molecular Epidemiology & Public Health laboratory
Dr Simon Firestone	Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences, The University of Melbourne	Animal health, veterinary epidemiology	Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health, expertise in studying and modelling disease outbreaks and risk factor studies, and assessing diagnostic test performance.
Dr Ben Madin	AusVet	Animal health, veterinary epidemiology, data systems	Epidemiologist and Director of Ausvet. Experience in clinical and government practice in Aust and UK. Masters and PhD studies looked at modelling animal disease spread and traceability. Interested in data systems for disease management.