

Summary of Primary Sector Council meeting 28 November 2018

Date: 28 November 2018

Attendees: Lain Jager (Chair), Tony Egan, Stephanie Howard, Julia Jones, Mark Paine, Julian Raine, John Rodwell, Steve Saunders, Steve Smith, Nadine Tunley, Nigel Woodhead, Miriana Stephens, John Brakenridge and Shanna Hickling.

Not present: Puawai Wereta, Hayley Hoogendyk and Neil Richardson.

Discussion

- The Primary Sector Council's (PSC) seventh meeting was held on 28 November 2018 in Christchurch.
- The overall objectives of this meeting were:
 - Insights from the sheep and wool sector.
 - Presentation and discussion of the vision statement.
 - Discuss the progress of the Taiao workstream.
 - Discuss the messaging of the national capability workstream.
 - Investigate whether the PSC should take a view on the GM/GE issue.
- The insights session on the sheep and wool sector highlighted the development of an incubator in Christchurch by NZ Merino to encourage innovation and to develop thinking in the sheep industry.
- A consultancy presented their prototype vision statement for feedback and further direction from the PSC members. It was agreed further refinement to the vision statement was required to incorporate more of NZ's values.
- The Taiao workstream, reported back on their progress of establishment and presented a Taiao framework that can be included in the vision deck. The intent of the framework is to guide the discussion of what is meant by Taiao. The framework allows people to connect with it and see what their role and place is within it.
- It was generally agreed that in terms of national capability the science system needs to be considered and optimised to the Food and Fibre sector.

- Regarding the GM/GE issue it was generally agreed that the PSC should form a position on this matter. The position to be taken is currently under development.
- The PSC have been invited to share their draft vision statement and vision deck with a group of Ministers in December.

Action items

Actions from 28 November 2018

	Action	Person
1	Draft a PSC GM/GE position for circulation and feedback.	PSC
2	Prepare brief for video development as part of vision deck.	PSC
3	Provide any raw footage from Ko Tatou to assist with production of vision video.	MPI
4	Taiao workstream to report back to PSC on MfE's work programmes.	PSC
5	Draft summary of meeting for MPI website	MPI