

Summary of Primary Sector Council meeting 24 October 2018

Date: 24 October 2018

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

Not present: Miriana Stephens, Puawai Wereta, Shanna Hickling, Hayley Hoogendyk and John Brakenridge.

Discussion

- The Primary Sector Council's (PSC) sixth meeting was held on 24 October 2018 in Wellington.
- The overall objectives of this meeting were:
 - Connect with the Primary Sector Science Roadmap Steering Group (PSSRSG) to understand how the PSC Vision fits with the Primary Sector Science Roadmap (PSSR),
 - Discuss the value-add workstream and a proposed value-add index,
 - Discuss the next steps in the Taiao workstream and how to scope this work programme.
- The PSC was invited to Minister O'Connor's office following the meeting to update him on the PSC's progress.
- The discussion with PSSRSG demonstrated a convergence of thinking between the PSC and PSSRSG. There was broad consensus that the content of the Science Sector Roadmap was generally in alignment with the PSC Vision but that the funding and delivery model required review.
- There was general agreement that moving forward, the conversation would be on reforming the current science system in NZ. It is likely a subgroup between the PSC and PSSRSG will be formed to address some of the principles of how the science system should operate and provide joint advice to the Minister.
- There is potential for the PSC to be involved in setting parameters around a sustainability index which could provide a benchmark to New Zealand primary industry producers.

- Regarding the Taiao workstream, it was agreed that Stephanie Howard would frame up next steps for discussion at the next meeting of the PSC.
- The PSC met with the Minister and provided an overview of progress on the Vision statement and its work so far in determining the implications that underpin the Vision. The Minister was encouraging of the broad direction and is keen to engage on the Vision again in December.

Action items

Actions from 24 October 2018

	Action	Person
1	Provide feedback on the Science Roadmap via survey monkey	PSC
2	Nominate members for sub-group with Roadmaps Steering Group	PSC
3	Draft summary of meeting for MPI website	MPI