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RE: Report on Operation of Pork SA 30 June 2014 – 30 April 2015

In summary the activities of Pork SA over the past year have largely focussed on engaging and negotiating acceptable outcomes with government on a number of key issues that determine the local operating conditions for industry.

In relation to Pork SA organisation operation there has been a decline in collaboration with PPSA and a move to consolidate SA pork industry committee structures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of producer representation.

A financial report is provided against the Contracted budget for 2014- 2015 to 30 April; a final budget will be provided after 30 June 2015 for consideration at the next PIAG meeting.

Committee Membership and meetings

- At the 2015 AGM the following Committee members retired in accordance with the Pork SA Inc. Constitution (6 Members being the longest serving); Matt Starick, Nick Lienert, Peter Brechin, Christine Sapwell, Tony Richardson and Butch Moses
- The following members were elected accordingly; Matt Starick, Nick Lienert, Mike Anderson, Matthew Greenslade, Greg Davis, Tony Richardson
- Peter Brechin and Christine Sapwell will continue to be invited as guests to Pork SA meetings in recognition of their continuing roles on allied committees – plus their historical perspective on issues given their longstanding role in State Representative Boards.
- Over 2014-2015 the Pork SA Committee will have held meetings on 4 occasions (including 1 teleconference) and an AGM as part of the annual Pig Industry Day.
- Meetings have been attended by most Committee members

- Producer members – 36; Associate members – 59; Agribusiness - 28

1. Pork SA “industry” representation

SA Pig Industry Day

- The 2015 SA Pig Industry Day was successfully transferred to Barossa Weintal
- The event for 2016 will be held on 26 Feb 2016 at this venue
- The 2016 event has attracted a companion meeting of the SA Stockfeed Association on the previous day to encourage interstate sponsors to attend both meetings
- APL provided strong support and representation and has subsequently noted that this type of state event may be a better model than the APL RoadShow format
- The PIAG allocation for event organisation was \$503 overspent; this has been covered by sponsorship
- Attendance at the day and dinner was equivalent to 2014
- Most room packages were taken up
- 22 Agribusinesses provided support for the event (22 in 2014)

WHS

- This 2013/2014 project led to further work funded by SafeWork SA in the form of 2 workshops promoting a “WHS Self-audit tool”
- Following these workshops SafeWork SA inspectors attended several farms to evaluate how the producers used to “tool”
- This had reciprocal benefit of building industry-specific capability within both industry and SafeWork SA

Animal Welfare

- Illegal Farm raids have continued; some have been “posted” and others are expected
- RSPCA has been invited to conduct official inspections as each new posting appears
- None of the official RSPCA inspections has resulted in any further action
- The training support provided to RSPCA inspectors as a Pork SA initiative through Dr Barry Lloyd has provided an effective and trusted relationship with RSPCA
- Details of this “RSPCA relationship” has been requested by a Senate Enquiry into Illegal Farm Raids
- At the SA level advice has been provided to Minister Bignell not to engage with “activists” either through an Animal Welfare seminar and/or Roseworthy Piggery visit accompanied by representatives of Animal Rights Organisations

AWAC

- In 2014 the Premier conducted a review of government Boards and Committees.
- Initially the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was to be terminated, however, this was reversed
- Kerryn Moses, Associate Member Pork SA has been appointed to the ongoing Committee as one of two representatives nominated through PPSA

CVO meetings

- Dr Lloyd has represented Pork SA at meetings with Biosecurity SA
- A number of current actions has flowed from this engagement including processes to nominate “Specialist Advisors” (previously ILOs), Emergency Stock Movement Permit form and potential P2P enterprise list, Mass Carcase Disposal project

Building Code Review (Minister’s Specification update)

- Through collaboration initiated by HORTEX, Pork SA became involved in a review of the Minister’s Specification for farm buildings
- Several development impasses had arisen due to interventions by the CFS with regard to piggery buildings not being compliant with fire control provisions
- In two of these cases the CFS lodged notices to local Councils Fire Committees that upgrades were required to existing farm buildings i.e. Retrospectivity under the *Development Act*
- Pork SA producer members met Minister Piccolo accompanied by fire service managers to review cases and establish options for resolution; all impasses have been or are being resolved
- Lisa Vlahos MP convened a meeting of all parties and invited Pork SA to be a member of a DPTI Farm Buildings Referral Group
- Pork SA, with technical support from PIRSA attended several meetings and made a written submission to the review of the Minister’s Specification
- The revised Minister’s Specification was proclaimed on 1 May 2015 providing some of the concessions advocated by Pork SA
- These have in large part provided options for resolution of the impasses and certainty to several developments in planning stage
- However, several options were not included, largely as a result of inability of fire services to compromise further
- The overall process was greatly assisted by Peter Harmer, Chair DPTI Farm Building Referral Group who visited several enterprises to assist with resolution of impasses
- PIRSA, again through Michael Moore, provided effective technical support to DPTI and Pork SA in this consultation

- A formal letter of thanks is being considered by Pork SA on 22 May

EPA Review of Schedule 1

- Rod Hamann raised issues at the AGM associated with the current review of Schedule 1 Environment Protection Act 1993; APFG had sent a submission to EPA raising concerns
- Particular issues proposed by EPA that could have unintended consequences to the pig industry include;
 - the switch from 'pigs' (5000 or more) as the unit of measure to use of SPUs to determine the need for EPA Licences, and
 - to include 'multiple structures within a 1km radius' as the basis for defining a piggery.
- The SPU matter has the most disadvantage to grower sites, and could make a 5000 pig farm into a 7000 SPU one
- Pork SA made a written submission to EPA with regard to these matters
- Pork SA members were invited to make similar submissions
- PIRSA met with EPA and expects that a figure of 7000 SPUs will be set for EPA licence requirement
- Pork SA expects to be formally notified and anticipates a meeting with EPA to conclude the discussions – outcome pending
- PIRSA again through Michael Moore has provided effective technical support to EPA and Pork SA in this consultation.

2. Operating arrangements

RJLMSF

- Pork SA as an incorporated entity was invited to manage contracting and payments for the annual scholarship on behalf of the RJLMSF Committee
- To this effect a Deed has been executed between PIRSA (on behalf of PIAG/PIF) and Pork SA; Pork SA has received \$12,500 (GST incl.) as recommended by PIAG for 2015
- Pork SA EO has "met" with the "University Engagement Department" on several occasions to develop a consequential Deed with the Uni of Adelaide
- This process is still incomplete due to a review of industry scholarships initiated by the University in which it has been decided that industry will not be a part of the student selection process
- The Pork SA EO expressed the view on behalf of members that this arrangement would be unlikely to meet industry expectations
- In the meanwhile the arrangement continues under the existing "Pledge" with the RJLMSF Committee; an invoice to Pork SA for \$12,500 (GST excl.) remains unpaid
- The student has been selected and is undertaking the scholarship in the meanwhile.

PIAG Reform

- In 2014 the Premier conducted a review of government Boards and Committees.
- Pork SA jointly considered alternative models in conjunction with PIAG over 2014 and wrote to the Minister and CE PIRSA to advocate a “consolidated model”
- The Premier recommended retention of PIAG with appointment of members being transferred to the CE PIRSA in the interest of efficiency
- This fell far short of industry expectations; a further letter was submitted to PIRSA to re-ignite the reform process
- Continuation of this committee reform process was unanimously endorsed at the 2015 AGM of Pork SA
- Pork SA met with PIRSA and resolved to progress the model proposed by Pork SA
- A Discussion paper has been prepared for joint consideration of Pork SA and PIAG on 22 May 2015
- When completed it is intended that a shorter Industry Paper will be developed for PIRSA to consult independently with industry and seek endorsement of the proposal
- In the meanwhile PIRSA has already transferred internal management of the fund from Biosecurity SA to Ag, Food and Wine Division; this is consistent with the arrangements proposed by Pork SA
- PIRSA’s Ag, Food and Wine Division hosts similar industry development levy funds
- PIRSA’s Simon Treloar and Michael Moore have been instrumental in preparation of the Discussion Paper.

PPSA Membership

- Continued membership of PPSA has been queried since early 2014
- The main concerns relate to unsatisfactory progress in developing the organisation in a number of areas which undermines PPSA operational effectiveness and we believe has impacted management of a number of critical initiatives for the wider agriculture sector plus the development of a sustainable funding model
- The concerns Pork SA had were significant enough that we documented our concerns over 2014 and raised the issue of “giving notice” of withdrawal of being a direct member in a letter to PPSA on 12 December 2014
- Pork SA members were briefed on these developments at the AGM on 26 Feb 2015
- The issue remains under continuing review by Pork SA
- Irrespective of this outcome, Pork SA has decided to develop its own website independent of PPSA/Rural Connect initiatives.

3. Financial Report

- An interim budget report from 1 July 2014 – 30 April 2015 is provided
- Expenditure is below budgeted amounts for several lines, but invoices are due, especially from Committee members for reimbursement of expenses.
- An EOY statement will be provided at the next PIAG meeting; this will detail any under expenditure in budgets lines where funds are due to be returned to PIAG

Pork SA is grateful to the Minister and PIAG for the funding support and welcomes feedback.

If additional information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew M Pointon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'A'.

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PORK SA Budget 1 July 2014 to 30 April 2015					
				ANNUAL	
INCOME :				BUDGET	TO DATE
PROJECT FUNDING YEAR ONE					
2014-2015				\$74,715.00	\$75,715.00
PPSA Subs				\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
AGRIBUSINESS FEES					\$2,200.00
INTEREST					\$1,248.61
				\$84,715.00	\$89,163.61
EXPENDITURE :					
INCORPORATION COSTS					
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FEES				\$29,664.00	\$27,112.57
PORK SA CHAIR FEES				\$6,180.00	\$2,000.00
COMMITTEE SITTING FEES				\$7,080.00	\$855.02
SUB COMMITTEE EXPENSES				\$3,000.00	\$2,979.46
PRIMARY PRODUCERS SA MEMBERSHIP				\$20,300.00	\$12,170.00
SPECIFIC ISSUES REPORTS				\$5,000.00	\$1,684.00
BOOK-KEEPING & AUDITING				\$3,605.00	\$1,626.00
IT, POSTAGE, PRINTING & OFFICE EXP				\$938.00	\$940.00
COMMITTEE MEETING & CATERING				\$618.00	\$774.52
INSURANCE				\$450.00	\$437.36
BANK FEES				\$50.00	\$230.36
TRAVEL EXPENSES :					
EXECUTIVE OFFICER				\$3,090.00	\$1,191.54
COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXP				\$4,740.00	\$888.89
				\$84,715.00	\$52,889.72