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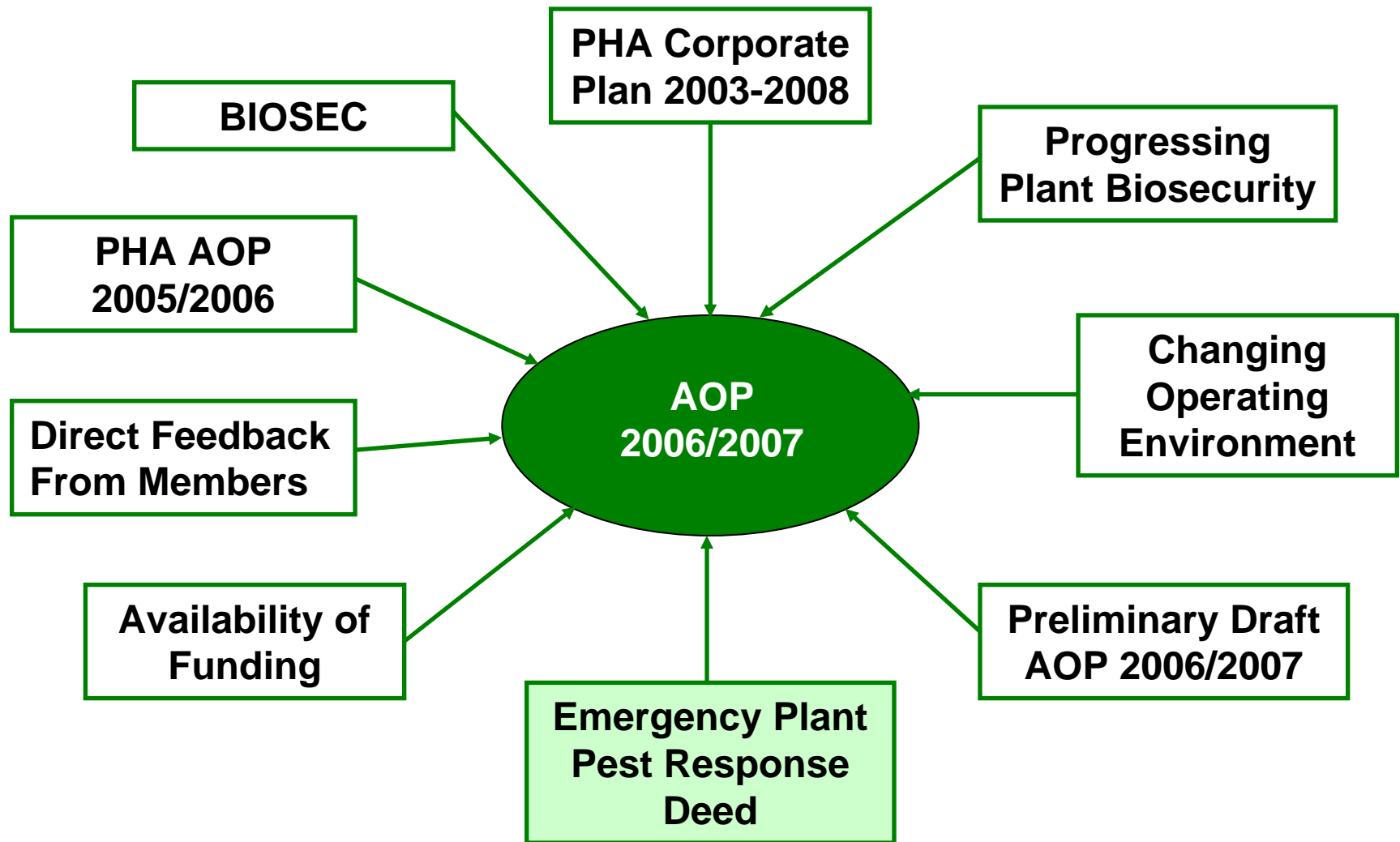


## Presentation Outline

- Where are we at - progress to date and current activities
- Future directions and opportunities
- Citrus specific priorities and activities

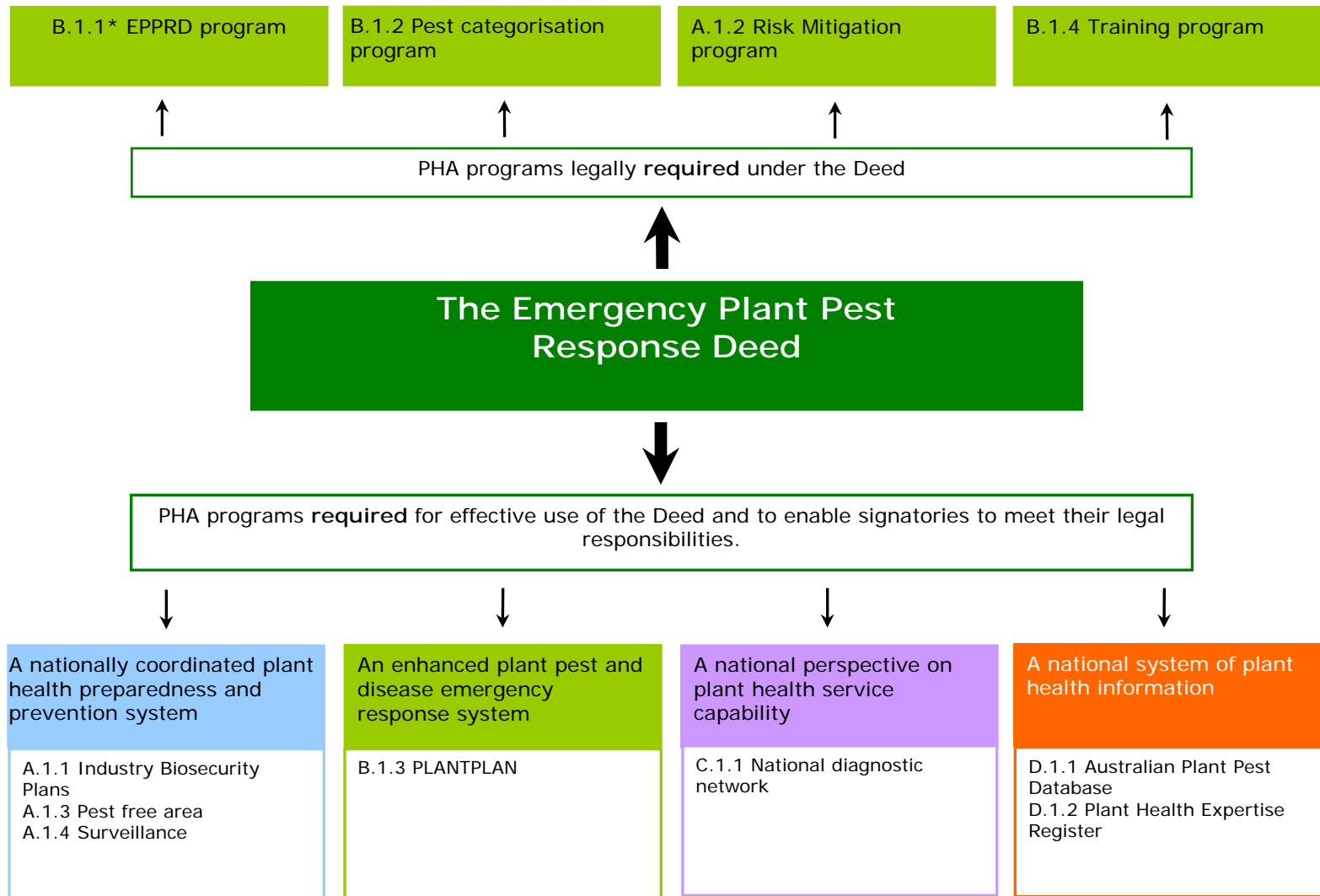


## AOP 2006/2007 Drivers





# Relationship of PHA Programs to EPPRD



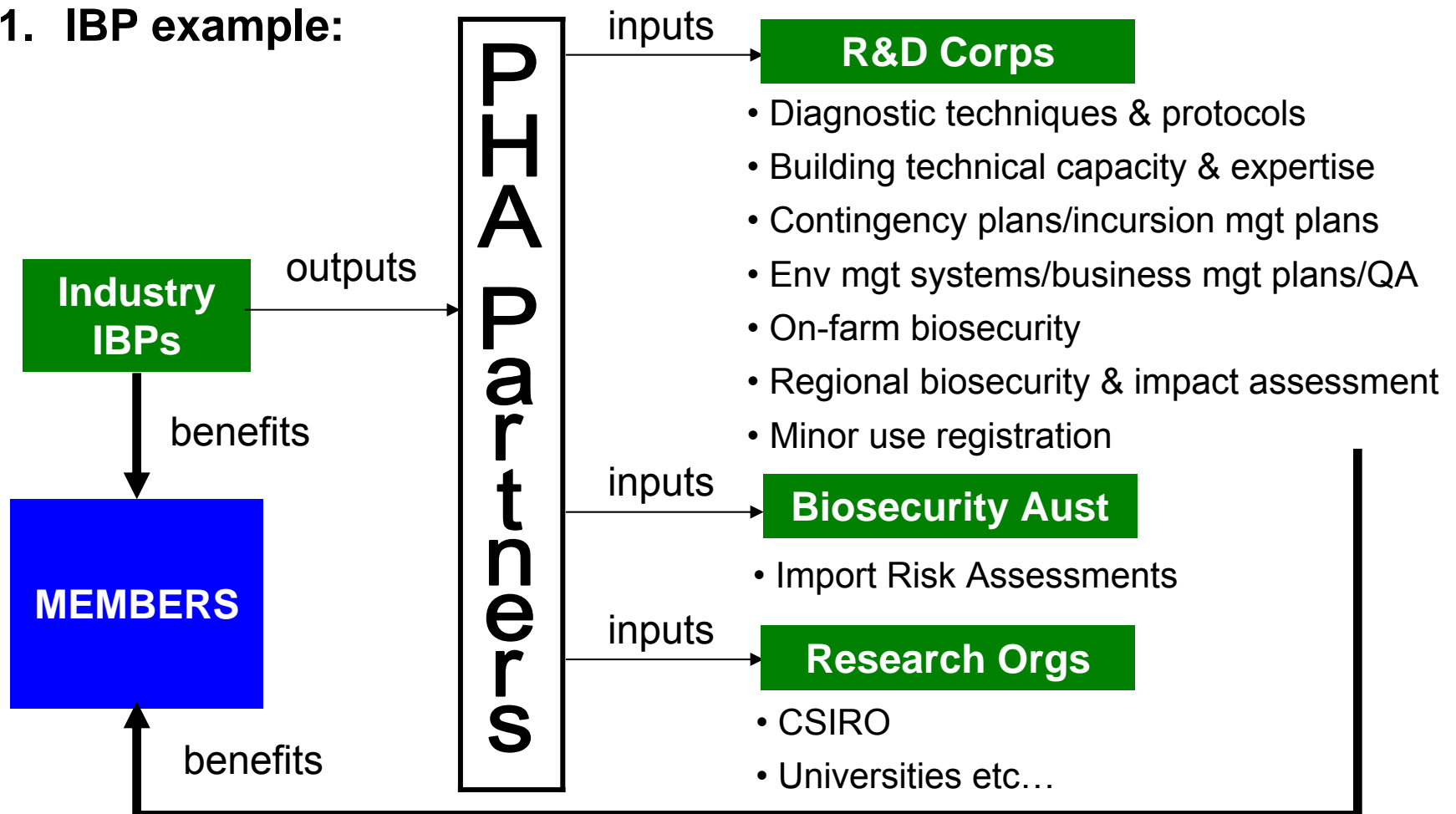
\*Codes refer to program summary numbers from the AOP 2006/07



## PHA Leverage

Achieving outcomes through partnerships...

### 1. IBP example:





## **2006/2007 Work Program**

### **A. Nationally Coordinated Plant Health Preparedness & Prevention System**

- *4 Programs*

### **B. Enhanced Plant Pest & Disease Emergency Response System**

- *5 Programs*

### **C. National Perspective on Plant Health Service Capability**

- *1 Program*

### **D. National System of Plant Health Information**

- *2 Programs*



## **2006/2007 Work Program** (*Rod Turner–General Manager Programs*)

### **E. Special Programs**

- *3 Programs*

### **F. Planning, Member Engagement & Information Management**

- *5 Programs*



**PRIORITY AREA A:**  
**Nationally Coordinated Plant Health Preparedness &  
Prevention System**



## A.1.1 Industry Biosecurity Planning

### *Benefits Delivered*

- Development of industry specific biosecurity plans for most Members
- Clear identification of high risk threats / pests
- Priority pest identified for:
  - pest contingency plans
  - diagnostic standards; and
  - pest categorisation under the Deed
- Provides framework for on-farm biosecurity activities
- Partnership approach between government and industry
- PaDIL (on-line library providing access to high quality colour diagnostic images and information on emergency plant pest, EPPs for use by plant health diagnosticians)



## **A1.2 National Plant Pest Risk Mitigation Program**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- National Plant Health Awareness Campaign
- Emergency Plant Pest Hotline
- Assistance to Members in meeting risk mitigation obligations under the Deed
- Ongoing communications program raising awareness of the importance of biosecurity
- Improved resource use efficiency across related Member programs
- Agreement on aspects of risk mitigation roles and responsibilities
- Improved biosecurity risk management at a range of levels in industry and government
- Framework for implementation of on-farm biosecurity in the plant industries



## A1.2 National Plant Pest Risk Mitigation Program

### ***Benefits Delivered (cont.)***

- National Plant Health Awareness Campaign (coordinated an award winning National Plant Health Awareness Campaign to encourage commercial producers from all industries to report suspected plant pests and diseases. “Look. Be Alert. Call an Expert”)
- Exotic Plant Pest Hotline (Provides a single national toll free phone number to enable reporting of suspect plant pests). Ongoing project



### A.1.3 Pest Free Area

#### ***Benefits Delivered***

- “Pest Free Area Guidelines” developed and approved for use by Lead Agency in preparation of pest free area proposals
- “How to Guide” prepared
- Pest Free Area Guidelines applied:
  - *Banana Black Sigatoka* – eradication declared in 2005 which was a world first for this pest
  - *Grapevine Leaf Rust Eradication Program*
  - *Citrus Canker Eradication Program* - used by the Surveillance Working Group to develop surveillance strategy for area freedom outside the incursion area
  - *Fire Ants Eradication Program*



## A.1.4 National Plant Pest Surveillance Program

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Development of a generic surveillance strategy that provides all Members with a consistent approach to developing their own surveillance plans addressing their specific high priority pests
- Model surveillance plans being developed with 3 industry Members
- Development of an agreed national surveillance plan for detecting presence/absence of Emergency Plant Pest incursions
- Progress towards development of a national surveillance reporting tool that will meet specific industry needs
- Defined roles and responsibilities under a national surveillance plan



**PRIORITY AREA B:**  
**Enhanced Plant Pest and Disease Emergency  
Response System**



## **B.1.1 Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- EPPRD represents a major, world-leading advance in the way EPP incursions are managed – operational from October 2005
- Improved awareness and capacity among Members to discharge their roles and responsibilities under the EPPRD
- Binding agreement between (22) industry and government signatories for the:
  - equitable sharing of costs and decision making
  - early reporting of suspected EPPs
  - reduction of risks by all Parties
  - reimbursement of affected growers



## B.1.2 Pest Categorisation

### *Benefits Delivered*

- Development of a process for determination of costs based on science and economics
- 78 pests categorised and included as schedule to the EPPRD
- Ensures a rapid response and certainty of funding for EPPs
- All priority EPPs identified through the IBP process categorised and cost shares determined leading to improved response times in the event of an incursion



## **B.1.3 PLANTPLAN**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Provides a nationally agreed technical response plan to be used by jurisdictions and industries
- Compatibility of operations and procedures between jurisdictions
- Agreed guidelines for the development of standard operating procedures for personnel involved in response management
- Provides a focus for training personnel in operational response and preparedness procedures
- Used as the basis for development of state/territory biosecurity strategies



## **B.1.4 National Emergency Plant Pest Training Program**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Progressed development of training packages for industry and government Members of key decision making committees under PLANTPLAN
- Provided training to industry and government Members for roles in key decision making committees and in other areas
- Established a register of nationally trained and accredited persons
- Liaison with other similar national emergency management organisations to ensure consistency and integration across relevant training components
- National emergency management competencies (18) to support a range of functions under PLANTPLAN drafted, approved by Members, agreed with AHA and jointly submitted for national accreditation



## **B.1.5 CRC for National Plant Biosecurity**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- PHA managing specific CRC NPB projects (grains)
- PHA to be involved in relevant CRC NPB programs being undertaken by other organisations
- PHA to be a key organisation in the delivery of CRC NPB outcomes
- PHA and CRC Management working collaboratively to ensure no duplication of effort
- PHA to work closely with CRC NPB to assist in CRC program development through:
  - active involvement on Participants Committee
  - active involvement at CRC Members Forum and AGM



**PRIORITY AREA C:**  
**National Perspective of Plant Health Service Capacity**



## **C.1.1 National Diagnostic Network Program**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- National Diagnostic Standards developed for over 50 EPPs, including citrus canker and karnal bunt
- Developed Terms of Reference and held inaugural meeting of the Sub-Committee on Plant Health Diagnostics Standards
- Undertaken a series of national workshops to assess the need for a National Diagnostic Network
- Developing a National Diagnostic Network proposal for consideration by stakeholders based on results of workshops
- Scoping study prepared



**PRIORITY AREA D:**  
**National System of Plant Health Information**



## D.1.1 Australian Plant Pest Database

### *Benefits Delivered*

- Central online access to 15 major specimen collections and over 1,000,000 specimen records (PHA hosts)
- Enables better utilisation and access to national collections of plant pests:
  - Used by Biosecurity Security as main source of information on endemic pests
  - Used as first point of reference when suspect EPP reported
  - Used by Domestic Quarantine and Market Access Committee as a source of information when developing interstate market access requirements
- Progress on enhancing the value of the APPD - PHA participating on Review Committee



## D.1.2 Expertise Register Program (PHER)

### *Benefits Delivered*

- Used in the citrus canker incursion to identify experts to assist in disease response
- Can be used by agencies to as a database for in-house expertise
- Can be used by agencies to identify expertise from other jurisdictions on a day to day basis



**PRIORITY AREA E:**  
**Special Programs**



## **E.1.1 National surveillance plan for the Grains Industry**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Identification of the basis on which area freedom is presently declared for grain exports
- Identification of phytosanitary requirements for export of the 14 largest grain industries



## **E.1.2 Raising industry awareness for the Grains Industry**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Attendance and promotion at major grains field days in WA and SA
- Awareness information maintained on the PHA & Member websites
- Publication of articles in grower newsletters and industry magazines
- Agreement to develop a grains on-farm biosecurity program
- Review of the grains EPP priority list
- Promotion of new contingency plans and their integration into the grains IBP



## **E.1.3 Specific contingency plans for key threats to the Grains Industry**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- At the end of the first period of the contingency planning program, five (5) specific contingency plans will have been commenced for the grains industry:
  - Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus
  - American Serpentine Leafminer
  - Barley Stem Gall Midge
  - Cabbage Seedpod weevil
  - Lentil anthracnose.



**PRIORITY AREA F:**  
**Planning, Member Engagement & Information  
Management**



## **F.1.1 Strategic Planning Program**

### ***Benefit Delivered***

- Business and operational directions consistent with the charter of the organisation and Member expectations, and affordable
- Members informed about objectives and performance
- Legal and company constitutional obligations met



## **F.1.2 Member Liaison**

### ***Benefit Delivered***

- Member input to PHA planning and operational activities
- Strengthened partnerships with and between Members
- Accountability for Members' investments



## **F.1.3 Plant Health Status Report**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- This is a new project

### ***AOP 2006 - 2007***

- Liaise with Australian and state/territory governments, industries and other relevant organisations to obtain information for inclusion
- Consultants/contractors engaged to assist with writing and research
- Develop and publish a report that consolidates the information gathered



## **F.1.4 National Committees**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- Elevation of Members' priority issues
- Agreement to positive policy and program outcomes for Members
- PHA actively sought out for leadership roles



## **F.1.5 Information Integration and Member Access Program**

### ***Benefits Delivered***

- This is a new project, however, the information bases that would be integrated in most cases already exist with the project providing a single portal for access



## PHA Achievements for Citrus Industry over last 12 months

- Citrus Industry signed the Cost Sharing Deed
  
- PLANTPLAN Finalised
  - ✓ appendix for transport of samples finalised
  - ✓ appendix for Chain of evidence finalised
  - ✓ plan being reviewed
  
- PHA chairman participated in National Management Group review of the Citrus Canker Incident
  - ✓ outcomes will feed into PLANTPLAN review



## PHA Achievements for Citrus Industry

- Diagnostic standard for Citrus Canker reviewed
  
- PHA contributing to development of Huanglongbing (citrus greening) contingency plan
  
- Industry participated in
  - ✓ National Management Group Training
  - ✓ Pilot Plant Biosecurity Awareness Training
  - ✓ Pilot Industry Liaison Officer Training



## Impact of signing the Deed

**Under the new arrangements the following changes will occur for future incursions**

- Industry have a formal seat at the decision making table
  - ✓ not observer status
  
- Owner reimbursement guidelines will be automatically paid to all affected growers
  - ✓ growers will not need to rely on government lobbying
  
- Industry can present management plans for the decision makers to consider
  - ✓ will not need to rely on state government presenting your case



## Impact of signing the Deed - continued

- Industry Liaison /co-ordinators will be appointed by industry
  - ✓ industry contact not reliant on state government industry information
  
- Industry Board will be involved decision making
  - ✓ industry board not consulted due to confidentiality provisions
  
- Communications strategies developed in consultation with industry
  - ✓ Industry not reliant on government communications strategy