

## Notes from the Board

The Panama TR4 Program Management Board (the Board) met for the first time on Friday 3 April 2020. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we met online and the meeting was productive and constructive.

A viable banana industry is our focus – we will work together to control and contain Panama TR4. The Board wants the banana industry to remain viable and maintain market share into the future.

The Board agreed to the 'Memorandum of Understanding' which outlines how we will work together and the Cost Sharing Deed, the legal financial agreement, is being finalised. We will keep you informed after our next meeting 15 July 2020.

## Introducing the Board members

**Malcolm Letts** | Deputy Director General & Chief Biosecurity Officer\*

**Stephen Lowe** | Grower & Chair, ABGC

**Andrew Serra** | Grower & Director, ABGC

**Jim Pekin** | Chief Executive Officer, ABGC

**Mike Ashton** | General Manager & Chief Plant Protection Officer\*

**Lynne Turner** | General Manager, Horticulture & Forestry Science\*

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## Board initiatives

- Government and industry working together for the benefit of all commercial banana growers.
- Building the banana industry's capacity to manage Panama TR4 in the long term.

**Questions?** Call Sarah Flenley, DAF on 0400 867 264 or Sonia Campbell, ABGC on 0428 038 330