

Quarantine Station	Works Status	Estimated Site Budget
<b>Eastern Creek</b>		<b>\$ 2,832,600</b>
Refurbishment design and specifications	Complete	
Replacement of glasshouse air conditioners	In Progress	
Upgrade of diagnostic laboratory	In Progress	
Additional access road to cat/ dog compound	In Progress	
Repair of kennel drainage system	In Progress	
<b>Knoxfield</b>		<b>\$ 3,048,400</b>
Refurbishment design and specifications	Complete	
Replacement of glasshouse air conditioners	In Progress	
Office refurbishment	In Progress	
Refurbishment of diagnostic laboratory	In Progress	
<b>Byford</b>		<b>\$ 715,400</b>
Establishment of bushfire protection zones	Complete	\$ 100,000
Replacement of air conditioning	Complete	\$ 30,000
Kennel/ Office Refurbishments	In Progress	\$ 250,000
<b>Torrens Island</b>		<b>\$ 2,213,300</b>
Air handling system upgrade	Complete	\$ 185,000
Refurbishment of internal flooring	Complete	\$ 7,000
Refurbishment of waste water tank	Complete	\$ 30,000
New Incubators	Complete	\$ 60,000
Upgrade to electrical system	Complete	\$ 20,000
Office refurbishment	Complete	\$ 15,000
Autoclave replacement	Pre Tender	\$ 500,000
<b>Spotswood</b>		<b>\$ 849,800</b>
Avian facility refurbishment	Complete	\$ 52,500
Kennel refurbishment	Complete	\$ 160,000
Horse stables upgrade	Complete	\$ 52,500
Autoclave replacement	Pre Tender	\$ 265,000
<b>New Diagnostic Equipment</b>		<b>\$ 1,448,925</b>
Laboratory Diagnostics	Orders Placed	\$ 665,000
Transmission Electron Microscope	Pre Tender	\$ 620,000
Scanning Electron Microscope	Pre Tender	\$ 180,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 11,108,425</b>

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By: *Dr O'Connell*

Date: *22* May 2012

<b>DAFF Budget Funded Supplier Savings 2012-13</b>	<b>Amount \$000</b>
<b>20% Reduction</b>	
Staff Training & Development	0
Consultancy Services	2,030
Temporary & Contract Staff	1,732
Travel - Domestic	1,306
Travel - International	971
Official Hospitality	42
Media & Advertising	46
<b>10% Reduction</b>	
Information Technology (eg. No of desktops, printers etc.)	1,455
Non rent - property costs (eg management fees, repairs & maintenance)	627
Technical & Field (eg. Field Operations costs & Analytical Testing)	543
General Office Supplies (eg. Stores & Consumables)	362
Other Administrative (eg Insurance, Bank Charges)	300
Vehicles	256
Memberships & Conferences	238
Legal	219
Communications & Publications	177
Contract Management	2
<b>Total Saving</b>	<b>10,306</b>



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Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Senator for Queensland

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Mr John Lloyd  
Chief Executive Officer  
Horticulture Australia Limited  
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Dear Mr Lloyd

I write to request your advice on Horticulture Australia Limited's (HAL) progress in implementing the Apple and Pear Industry Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) Investment Plan 2010-2015.

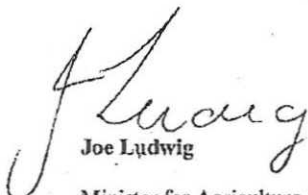
I am advised that the plan, which HAL developed in conjunction with Apple & Pear Australia Ltd, is a well-constructed document. According to the plan, the identified research and development outcomes are necessary for industry to meet its objective for 2015—'The Australian apple and pear industry is world competitive; satisfying consumer demand for its products and with sustained profitability'.

I would like you to advise me on progress in implementing the plan, including assessment of any interim outcomes that have been achieved. I also seek your confirmation that available resources are being directed to the highest priority activities identified within the plan.

I would also draw to your attention that APAL has developed a document entitled 'An Aussie Apple Accord'. I have enclosed a copy for your reference. The Accord includes a \$102.8 million industry component designed to keep the industry competitive in the global market, including encouraging structural adjustment. The Accord also requests support for new extension programs such as supporting regional facilitators, demonstration orchards and improved data collection. I'm advised that these programs could be suited for inclusion in the current RD&E Investment plan, and I would encourage HAL and the Apple Industry Advisory Committee to consider them in that regard.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Peter Ottesen, Assistant Secretary, Crops, Horticulture and Wine, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, on 02 6272 3060 or 0419 732 043. I would welcome your early response.

Yours sincerely



Joe Ludwig

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
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Mr John Lawrenson  
Chairman  
Apple & Pear Australia Ltd  
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Dear Mr Lawrenson

I refer to Apple & Pear Australia Ltd's submission of 7 July 2011 requesting the Australian Government fund an apple industry adjustment package, 'An Aussie Apple Accord'. This letter outlines the Government's response to your proposal.

The APAL 'Aussie Apple Accord' includes a \$102.8 million industry package of measures designed to keep the industry competitive in the global market, including encouraging structural readjustment. I am supportive of the industry component of the Accord.

The Accord also included a request for additional government funding. The government already supports the industry through matched R&D funding and through the existing Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) five year Research, Development and Extension Investment plan. I have outlined below other avenues of support you may wish to consider.

The Government strongly supports the apple and pear industries. From 2000-01 to 2010-11 the Government contributed \$24.2 million of research and development funding for the industry. It is forecast that the government will contribute up to \$12.9 million in matched funds for the industry over the years 2010-11 and 2012-13 and over the same period funding from all sources, including the statutory levy, voluntary contributions and state government contributions, is forecast to be \$25.8 million.

As you are aware, APAL is able to increase this funding further by making an increase to its statutory levy through the *Levy Principles and Guidelines*. If an increase was successful, APAL could consequentially receive additional matched government funding. APAL is also able to negotiate with HAL over the amount of matching payments it receives in voluntary contributions within the cap of 0.5% of the Gross Value of Production for horticulture. These are two avenues available to APAL today, should you choose to pursue them.

I understand that HAL and APAL are in the process of implementing a five-year research, development and extension investment plan, which has the objective of making the industry world competitive and have sustained profitability. As APAL itself has acknowledged, even before the importation of apples from overseas markets, the Australian apple sector was

competing in the global market. This was through adapting to the importation of apple juice. The sector has shown great resilience in responding to those challenges and I know they will continue to do so.

Another avenue APAL may wish to consider is to work with HAL to alter the current five year RD&E Investment Plan to include the extension elements of 'Aussie Apple Accord'. To this end, I have written to HAL asking them to give consideration and support to the new extension programs such as supporting regional facilitators and demonstration orchards and improved data collection included in the Accord. If this is a mechanism you wish to take advantage of, APAL will need to work with HAL to alter its five year RD&E plan.

'An Aussie Apple Accord' includes a focus on RD&E, which is noteworthy. The government will continue its support of RD&E in horticulture through Horticulture Australia Limited. I have outlined to you the current strong support the government provides to the apple and pear industry and further options available for consideration. This support is the appropriate role for Government within the 'Aussie Apple Accord' and I look forward to hearing of industry progress in implementing the industry elements of the Accord.

Yours sincerely



Joe Ludwig

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