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# Horticulture Plant Health Consultative Committee

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Quarantine and Biosecurity Review Secretariat  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.  
GPO Box 858,  
CANBERRA. ACT. 2601.

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Quarantine and Biosecurity Review.

The Horticulture Plant Health Consultative Committee (HPHCC) is an Advisory Committee to the South Australian Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. The HPHCC comprises representatives of both South Australia's Horticulture Industries and PIRSA and provides a collaborative approach to ensure optimal outcomes for Plant Health.

Plant Health is of strategic importance to Government and Industry by protecting horticulture industries from the increased risk of emergency plant pests that could have adverse effects on production, trade and market access. The role of the Committee is to consider a wide range of issues relating to Plant Health within South Australia and the linkages with national matters. Areas covered by the Committee include Quarantine and Biosecurity.

While we are not in a position to comment on the many issues outlined within the Quarantine and Biosecurity Review Issues Paper we wish to table a copy of the original Strategic Plan (Appendix A) and the recently revised Strategic and Operational Plan (Appendix B) for the Committee. These documents outline the issues relevant to the Committee and the strategies being implemented by the Committee.

We believe that the Horticulture Plant Health Consultative Committee is a model worthy of consideration by the Review Panel. A wide range of issues are considered and appropriate actions put in place. Some actions include giving direct information and advise to the Minister or requesting the Minister to undertake or implement certain programmes and/or processes.

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We would believe a National Consultative Committee with representation from Peak Horticultural Industry organisations would be a way of improving the communications and transparency required to improve Australia's Quarantine and Biosecurity.

We look forward to the opportunity to expand on this model and the strategic activities of the Committee and other points directly with members of the Review Panel. In the meantime if more information and/or explanation is required please contact the Committee on 08 8349 4556.

Your due consideration of this submission would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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## **APPENDIX A: Horticulture Plant Health Strategic Plan**

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## **APPENDIX B: Draft Five Year Strategic and Operational Plan 2008 – 2013**

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