

27 August 2026

Dear Plant Industry Forum member,

RE: Plant Industry Forum Committee (PIFC) Support Officer agreement, 2026–2029

At its meeting on 20 May 2026, the Plant Industry Forum (PIF) agreed to continue and expand the PIFC Support Officer for a further three years, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029. The expanded role will provide consistent coordination and administrative support to help the PIFC deliver its agreed work program and strengthen collaboration across Australia's plant industries. Contributions by industry parties will be processed annually during this three-year period.

Grain Producers Australia (GPA) will continue to employ and manage the role. GPA separately funds eight hours of the role each week and the additional seven hours per week, together with an annual operating budget for PIFC activities will be shared among PIF organisations.

The annual shared cost is \$38,016 including GST, comprising:

- \$31,416 for the expanded support role, based on 48 weeks × 7 hours × \$93.50 including GST; and
- \$6,600 for agreed operating expenses, including website, meeting and administrative costs.

Contributions have been allocated using the latest industry Local Value of Production figures. The position cost is shared across participating organisations other than GPA, while the operating budget is shared by all parties, including GPA. Each organisation's annual contribution is listed in the schedule attached to this letter.

Online agreement process

The 2026–2029 agreement will be completed online through the Plant Industry Forum website. Each organisation will receive a personalised link showing its annual contribution. The authorised representative will be asked to:

- confirm the organisation's details and nominated representative;
- confirm its annual contribution for the three-year agreement period;
- select whether payment will be made through an eligible Plant Health Australia Biosecurity Activity levy arrangement or by direct invoice from GPA acknowledging that your information and instruction for contribution method will be passed on to GPA and Plant Health Australia for processing; and
- submit the agreement electronically on behalf of the organisation.

The online agreement will replace the need for members to return separate signed copies by email. Please complete the agreement using the personalised link provided with this letter.

If your organisation would prefer, a pdf of the agreement can be emailed for manual completion. Contact supportofficer@plantindustryforum.com.au if this is required.

This longer-term arrangement will give PIFC a stable base to coordinate meetings, progress agreed actions, maintain communication between plant industries and represent shared priorities across the national biosecurity system.

Thank you for your continued support of the Plant Industry Forum and its work.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Hancock
Chair
Plant Industry Forum Committee

Annual industry contributions, 2026–2029

Amounts are annual and include GST. The same annual contribution applies in each year of the agreement period, from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029.

Industry organisation	Annual (\$ incl. GST)	Industry organisation	Annual (\$ incl. GST)
Almond Board of Australia Inc.	\$993.98	AUSVEG Limited	\$5,565.04
Apple and Pear Australia Limited	\$1,113.57	Avocados Australia Limited	\$743.56
Australian Banana Growers Council Inc.	\$863.84	CANEGROWERS	\$2,476.16
Australian Blueberry Growers Association Inc.	\$654.92	Canned Fruits Industry Council of Australia	\$111.15
Australian Forest Products Association Limited	\$3,006.57	Cherry Growers of Australia Inc.	\$383.39
Australian Ginger Industry Association Inc.	\$111.15	Chestnuts Australia Inc.	\$111.15
Australian Grape and Wine Inc.	\$1,395.65	Citrus Australia Limited	\$1,491.33
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc.	\$178.67	Cotton Australia Limited	\$6,104.60
Australian Lychee Growers Association Inc.	\$111.15	Dried Fruits Australia Inc.	\$111.15
Australian Macadamia Society Limited	\$308.11	Grain Producers Australia Limited (operating budget only)	\$3,347.55
Australian Mango Industry Association Limited	\$317.25	Greenlife Industry Australia Limited	\$3,919.66
Australian Melon Association Inc.	\$341.88	GROWCOM	\$111.15
Australian Olive Association Limited	\$166.72	Hazelnut Growers of Australia Inc.	\$111.15
Australian Processing Tomato Research Council Inc.	\$111.15	Passionfruit Australia Inc.	\$111.15
Australian Sweet Potato Growers Inc.	\$104.11	Pistachio Growers Association Inc.	\$111.15
Australian Table Grape Association Inc.	\$1,174.77	Raspberries and Blackberries Australia Inc.	\$352.43
Australian Tea Tree Industry Association	\$111.15	Ricegrowers Association of Australia Inc.	\$351.02
Australian Truffle Growers Association	\$111.15	Strawberries Australia Inc.	\$664.76
Australian Walnut Industry Association	\$111.15	Summerfruit Australia Limited	\$551.51
Total annual shared cost			\$38,016.00