



Biosecurity and GIA Focus Group Meeting – Update 19 June 2018

The ApiNZ Biosecurity & GIA Focus Group met in Wellington on 19 June 2018 to consider a GIA application to the Minister for Primary Industries based on the survey results for the GIA.

In the interim the Group agreed that it needed to review existing biosecurity readiness plans and discussed research on the value and application of a Sentinel Hive Programme, including current research and potential future support from MPI.

It was noted that there are already existing Biosecurity Contingency responses from other primary sectors which would be helpful in guiding our industry's work plans and approach. These were reviewed in discussions.

It also was also noted that members are finding some farmers' response to *M.Bovis* very restrictive in terms of being able access land/hives. The Group scoped the relevant information beekeepers would require to ensure they could continue to operate on beef and dairy farmers' land during this difficult time. An information and education flier on *M.bovis*, was developed in conjunction with Federated Farmers was developed by ApiNZ and widely circulated to members.