



POSITION DESCRIPTION: MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FIBRE FUTURES INVESTMENT ADVISORY PANEL

Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures (**SFF Futures**) supports problem-solving and innovation in New Zealand's food and fibre sectors by co-investing in initiatives that make a positive and lasting difference.

The SFF Futures Investment Advisory Panel (**IAP**) is an independent body appointed by the Minister of Agriculture. The IAP plays an important role in the success of SFF Futures, by providing expert advice regarding funding proposals and active projects.

Role of the IAP

The role of the IAP is to:

- a) assess applications and (where applicable) business cases and make funding recommendations to MPI;
- b) advise MPI on the management of SFF Futures investments and legacy Primary Growth Partnerships, and recommend adjustments if required;
- c) provide advice to MPI on the overall management of SFF Futures; and,
- d) engage with industry stakeholders of SFF Futures, in accordance with a communications strategy developed by MPI.

In carrying out its role the IAP will:

- a) act in accordance with procedures agreed or mandated by MPI;
- b) comply with relevant MPI policies as advised from time to time;
- c) maintain the confidentiality of confidential material submitted to it or obtained in carrying out, or incidental to, its functions; and
- d) comply with legal requirements.

IAP Membership

Members are selected to ensure a diverse panel in respect of experience, skills and demographics.

Across the IAP, the skills and attributes we're looking for include:

- general knowledge and understanding of NZ's primary industries – capabilities, challenges, and opportunities
- experience in Māori agri-business
- experience in the business, science, community and government sectors
- experience in developing and commercialising food, fibre and agri-business products and technology
- knowledge of current and future trends in New Zealand and international food, fibre, and agri-business markets
- knowledge of agri-business capability and training in New Zealand
- understanding of environmental sustainability principles and challenges
- understanding of government strategy, frameworks and policy.

Each individual IAP member *must* have the following skills and attributes:

- understanding of the principles of governance, public accountability and risk management
- effective communication skills, including the ability to reason objectively and convey ideas clearly and accurately
- strong relationship management skills, including working effectively with peers.