



BICWA
Resource and Biosecurity
Sub Committee Charter

27/07/2021

1 Introduction:

This charter documents the purpose, responsibilities, authority and administration of the BICWA **Resource & Biosecurity** Sub Committee

2 Purpose:

The purpose of the BICWA Resource & Biosecurity Sub Committee is to assist the Board by ensuring that appropriate strategic, investment and operational decisions are made, specifically in the relation to resource and biosecurity activity, and within the BICWA Strategic Plan.

3 Authority:

The Board has approved the establishment of the BICWA Resource & Biosecurity Sub Committee.

Within the scope of its responsibilities:

- The Sub-Committee will maintain free and open communication with the BICWA Executive team.
- The Sub-Committee may take other professional advice as it considers necessary.
- The Sub-Committee should understand the BICWA strategic plan, structure, its operations and key developments as are relevant to the Committee's role and may receive periodic presentations from subject matter experts to assist in achieving such an understanding.

4 Members and Meetings:

Meetings are to be held once per month or as necessary to resolve matters of urgency.

The following will be invited to attend Committee meetings:

- Mikey Cernotta (Chair)
- Brendon Fewster
- Matt Welch
- Michael Bellman
- Liz Barbour
- James Sheehan
- Christine Spycher
- Guests with relevant expertise

A notice of each meeting confirming the date, time, venue and agenda with supporting papers shall be forwarded to each Sub-Committee Member in the week prior to the date of the meeting. Formal minutes of each meeting will be recorded and distributed to the Committee and Board within 7 days of completion of the meeting.

5. Roles and Responsibility's:

The BICWA Resource and Biosecurity Sub Committee will steer BICWA relevant programs from the BICWA Strategic Plan. The Sub Committee will escalate high risk/ cost proposals to the Board for decision.

The BICWA Resource and Biosecurity Sub Committee will:

- Advocate to fully protect existing native floral resources for immediate and future needs of the industry. This is not limited to, but mainly focusing on the loss of native floral resource as a result of:
 1. All forms of native vegetation clearing,
 2. Prescribed Burning and;
 3. Climate change

- Advocate for increased access to floral resources for beekeepers in areas such as native vegetation, cropping, pasture, plantations and other areas.

- Work with current and future stakeholders/ managers of beekeeper floral resources to ensure continued access and strong relationships as the management of land evolves.

- Advocate for an increase in funding to support biosecurity control, the Bee Biosecurity Officer, industry wide education and best practice on biosecurity matters.

- Advocate for an increase in uptake of pollination services and any other potential benefits bees can provide to the broader horticultural and agricultural industries.

- Explore potential benefits in utilising spatial technology through relevant avenues to increase industry resource and pollination knowledge.

APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER



BICWA Board Chair

24.9.21