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Project Phoenix: Communique

Project Phoenix ESC Meeting 6

The External Steering Committee (ESC) of Project Phoenix met on Thursday 15 October to consider progress with priority activities.

Ten-year Strategy for native seed and landscape restoration strategy.

The committee discussed a 'Straw Man' paper that was developed to stimulate dialogue on what an overall end-product and strategy components might include. The document provided for an interactive discussion and the Committee agreed that it provided a useful overarching framework.

A term of reference will now be prepared to procure consulting support for development of the strategy.

Committee members reinforced that it will be important to engage as many people within the sector as possible during the strategy process. However, given the short timeframe involved, providing a draft document for engagement purposes will sustain momentum while enabling stakeholders to contribute to co-design. Together with the outputs from Project Phoenix activities, there is a significant body of existing information and knowledge to inform strategy development.

The Committee affirmed that it is critical to include appropriate metrics and monitoring in the strategy, ensure that the right things are being measured and implementation is successful.

Project Manager Report

The Project Manager reported there has been significant progress with endorsement of activity scopes, with multiple contract negotiations now in progress. Committee members were thanked for their efforts in reviewing and endorsing project scopes out of session. Members noted that extra time will be required during the rest of October as all endorsement assessments are completed and the delivery phase expands.

A number of documents are currently being drafted including Activity Completion Reports, ensuring Activities are feeding into the Strategy document.

At the next ESC meeting, the Project Manager will provide an update on the Greening Australia procurement process in relation to the 10-year strategy.

Intellectual Property and Privacy Policies

The Committee noted the Greening Australia policy for Intellectual Property (IP), where pre-existing IP will be acknowledged with collaborators in advance. Further, the Committee noted the Greening Australia Privacy Policy and guidelines in regard to handling personal information. These policies are being applied with Project Phoenix Activities.



How the sector can get involved

Project Phoenix will provide responses to the 2019/2020 bushfires as well as actions and solutions to long term Seed Sector issues at scale. An improved native seed industry is central to strategic & practical responses to undertake large scale and continued bushfire restoration and achieve conservation outcomes valued by communities.

It is important that we collaborate and engage widely to develop solutions to the current and future issues affecting our industry.

If you would like to be involved, provide input or get regular updates on project progress, refer to your organisation's representative committee member & register to become part of the Project Phoenix network: www.greeningaustralia.org.au/project-phoenix-seed-network

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