



ministry of  
**science + innovation**  
TE PŪNAHA HIRINGA WHAKAĀEA

# Science and Innovation – a changing landscape

Presentation to Forest Biosecurity  
workshop, 22 February 2011



# What I will talk about

---

- Changes in the science system
- Ministry of Science and Innovation
- Core funding

# A lot of change going on

---

- Governmental focus on economic growth
- Research and innovation at the heart of the Government's plans
- In particular, an emphasis on connecting business and science
- Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor
- CRI Taskforce
- FRST and MoRST merged to form Ministry of Research and Innovation
- CRI core funding
- 2010 – reprioritisation of funds to business focused research

# The Ministry of Science and Innovation

---

- Came into effect 1 February 2011.
- Minister - the Hon Dr Wayne Mapp
- CEO, Murray Bain
- Role - MSI has some key roles and functions such as advising the Government on New Zealand's science and innovation system, overseeing RS&T investment and supporting infrastructure and fostering commercialisation, enhancing productivity and achieving wider benefits for NZ through the application of research results.

# CRI Core Funding and purpose

---

- Defining what a CRI is expected to deliver,
- and then giving increased stability of funding to deliver on that purpose
- CRI Boards get control of a significant part of their current MSI funding
- 50 – 80% of current contracts
- With control comes accountability
- Remainder of funds are still contestable

# How will change happen?

---

- Core or contestable – science should be contributing to growth targets
  - addressing priorities
  - quality
  - Implemented to deliver benefit
- For contestable, MSI is open to discussions about priorities and how our research investments are aligned with them
- For contestable, a three-way, end users, contract holder and MSI
- For core contracts, between contract holder and end users
- Core funding is the basis for a closer relationship between your industry and Scion

# Implications for forest biosecurity research?

---

- Likely to be a matter of making the best of current funds
- Core funding dollars and contracts are budget secret
- Three main forest biosecurity contracts – Scion Forest Biosecurity, Lincoln Bioprotection, B3
- One of the principles of discussions was that OBIs and previously negotiated contracts held by CRIs should be core funding.
- B3 is an OBI
- Forest biosecurity contract is held by a CRI and was a negotiated contract