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## **REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEER INDUSTRY R&D**

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In December 2008 the RIRDC Deer R&D Advisory Committee commissioned Messrs Tony Burne and Peter Chudleigh of Agtrans Research to undertake a review of the existing arrangements for managing research and development activities for the Australian deer industry. The terms of reference for that review were to:

- i. Identify structural and funding opportunities and options for the deer research program for the short-term, and
- ii. Determine the most cost effective and appropriate way forward for deer industry research from the viewpoints of RIRDC and the industry.

The methods used for the review included assessment of all relevant documentation, together with discussions with the RIRDC Portfolio and Program Managers, the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Deer Industry Association of Australia (DIAA), the Chair of the RIRDC Deer R&D Advisory Committee and personnel from the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and its Levies Revenue Service (LRS).

The Final Report of the review was accepted by RIRDC in March 2009, and that Report is now being considered by the R&D Advisory Committee and the DIAA, as are the feasibility and potential consequences of the number of options it identified as possible routes for future management of industry R&D. Further details of the Report, and of proposed outcomes of the review process, will be provided when the Committee and DIAA have agreed a course of action.