

# PIFS Management Plan Release

## Apiary Industry Fund

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A copy of the revised management plans will be available on the PIRSA website following this meeting.



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A large number of bees are seen in flight around a white structure, likely a beehive. The bees are concentrated near the structure, with many flying in the air and some on the surface. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text "Acknowledgement of Country" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# Acknowledgement of Country

# Agenda

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  - b) Investment of the Fund
  - c) Purpose of the fund
  - d) Application of the Funds
  - e) Process for Payments from the Fund
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# 1. About the Fund

*The Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act permits the collection of contributions from industry to support industry development*

## Legislation

- Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act 1998
- 14 funds operating under the Act

- Grains x2
- Livestock x2
- Wine x 7
- Pork
- Apiary
- Citrus

- Each fund is established under its own regulations
- Each requires development of a 5-year management plan

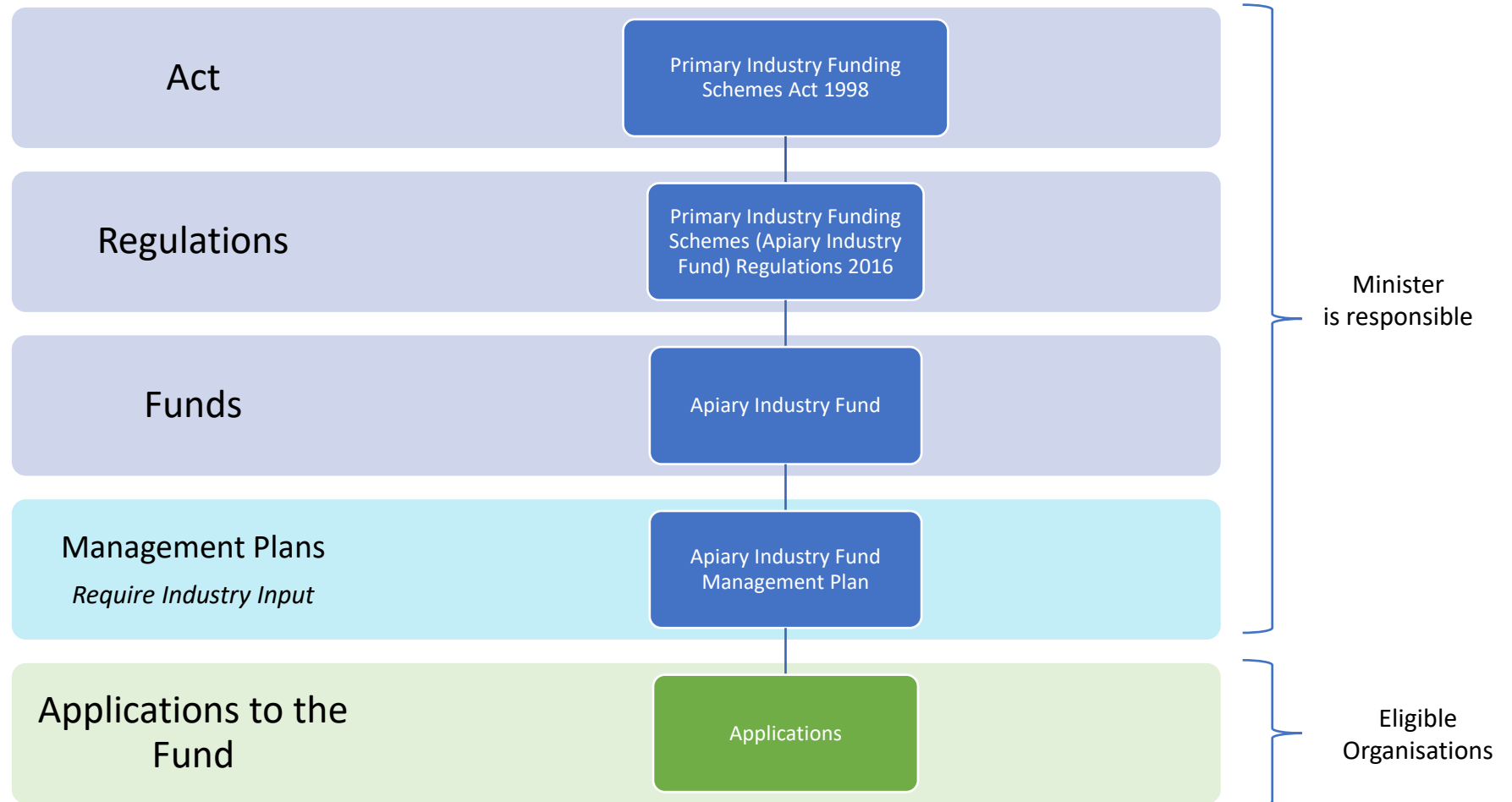


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# 1. About the Fund

## Key documents



# 1. About the Fund

Apiary Producer (Contributor)	Refunds (Contributor)	Minister / PIRSA (Administrator)	Fund Recipients
Registered beekeepers who keep 5 or more hives must pay \$1 per hive to the Fund, when registering or renewing registration.	<p>Applications can be made for a refund of contributions.</p> <p>After a refund, contributors are no longer entitled to any direct service or benefit from the fund for 2 years.</p>	<p>Processes contributions</p> <p>Processes requests for refunds</p> <p>Facilitates applications to the fund</p> <p>Makes payments from the fund</p> <p>Manages legislative requirements</p>	<p>Consults with Industry on priorities for coming year</p> <p>Develop applications to fund</p> <p>Deliver services to industry as per application to fund/regulated approved purposes</p> <p>Reports to industry and Minister on how funds have been spent and outcomes</p>





## 2. Management Plan

- Management Plans are public documents.
- Provide the Funds Administrator (Minister) with directions on how the fund contributors want their funds managed.
- Must provide minimum details as required in the Primary Industry Funding Scheme Act 2008.
- Can cover other issues as required.
- These plans were drafted, consulted on and have been approved by Minister.



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## 2a. Est. Contributions

- The estimated contribution income for the current and the next five financial years is provided in Table 1.
- Industry contribution estimates have been derived based on the number of registered hives in South Australia belonging to persons keeping 5 or more hives at the time of registration.

**Table 1 – Contribution Rates and Estimated Contribution Income**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Contribution rate (per hive)	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Estimated number of apiarists hives kept with 5 or more	71,000	71,000	73,000	75,000	75,000
Estimated income	\$71,000	\$71,000	\$73,000	\$75,000	\$75,000





## 2b Investment of the Funds

- PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister
- Contributions are invested in an interest-bearing account in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- Interest paid on monies held is treated as income to the fund consistent with the regulations.



## 2c Purpose of the Funds

The Fund may be applied by the Minister for any of the following purposes:

- The undertaking of programs relating to the apiary industry or apiary products or any other aspect of the apiary industry that the Minister considers will benefit the apiary industry;
- Payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;
- Repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 5.



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# 2d Application of the Funds

## Eligible activities

Eligible activities must comply with the Regulations and this management plan.

Activities currently being considered for funding under this management plan include, but are not limited to;

- Funds to support the development of an Apiary Industry Strategic Plan (Blueprint)
- Funds to support the industry associations (SAAA/BSSA) in preparing for and/or responding to an exotic pest/disease biosecurity incursion within South Australia impacting the apiary industry.

Eligible activities will be assessed against the following criteria:

- benefit to the SA apiary industry
- direct benefit to fund contributors (beekeepers)
- support from industry stakeholders
- value for money (cost of the program compared to the outcomes it will deliver)
- leverage of the fund
- innovation in program delivery
- the organisation's capability and capacity to undertake the program



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## 2e Payment of the Funds

- The Minister will assess and approve applications in line with the regulations and this management plan.
- Prior to approving applications, the Minister or delegate, will convene an assessment committee consisting of representation from SA Apiarist Association (SAAA) and the Bee Society of South Australia (BSSA). Recommendations of the assessment committee will be considered by the Minister for approval.
- Formal funding agreements will be executed between the Minister and the successful applicants.
- Once approved, details of successful projects will be posted on the Apiary Industry Fund page of the PIRSA website and may be posted on the organisation's website so that it is publicly available for contributors to view.



# 2e Payment of the Funds

## Application Timeline

Applications can be prepared at any time; however, applications will only be accepted once applications open. The following flow chart outlines the key dates within the application and project process.

**Table 2 – Approximate timeframes for applications to fund**

Timing (estimate)	Activity
1 March	Applications Open
30 March	Applications Close
15 April	Applications Assessed and advice provided to Minister
1 June	Applications approved and successful applicants notified
1 July	Projects commence and are managed as per funding agreement





# 3. Reporting

Success of the PIFS Funds relies on the transparency of how funds are spent.

## 1. Fund Annual Report to Parliament 2021-22

[Apiary Industry Fund Annual Report 2021–22 \(pir.sa.gov.au\)](https://pir.sa.gov.au)

## 2. Industry report on Expenditure of Funds

- **Progress Report/s:** Report on progress of activities/projects aligned with agreed funding progress milestones.
- **Final Report:** provide a report within six weeks of the end of the funded project, which shows the activities carried out and/or outcomes achieved (against project objectives) with monies from the fund and include a statement of acquittal showing how funds were spent and identifying any unspent funds.



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## 4. Next Steps

### Management Plans

- The Management Plan is for a 5-year period commencing 2023-24 (to 2027-28).
- It will be made available on the PIRSA Website after this public meeting.
- These plans must be updated annually.
- A review of these plans and appropriate consultation activity will occur Q1 2024.



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# Questions and Discussion





# Thank You

## Meeting Closed



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