

Project for Registration to the R&D Tax Incentive

Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited
Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025

General Project Details	
Project Name <i>(0 - 200 characters)</i>	Horticulture Innovation Australia – Levy Research & Development
Project Reference Description <i>(Optional)</i>	
Certificate Reference Number for Finding <i>(if applicable)</i>	N/A
Primary Project Address <i>(if not main business address)</i>	Level 7, 141 Walker Street, North Sydney, New South Wales 2060, Australia
Project Start Date	July 2024
Expected Completion Date	June 2029
What is the total estimated expenditure for the project?	To be filled by levy payer
ANZSRC Division	30 AGRICULTURAL, VETERINARY AND FOOD SCIENCES
ANZSRC Group	3008 Horticultural production
Anticipated Expenditure for Overall Project Life	To be filled by levy payer
Feedstock Input Expenditure for Income Period	\$0
How much did the R&D Tax Incentive influence whether you went ahead with this project?	Not at all

Objectives of this Project <i>(2 - 4000 characters)</i>
Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited (“Hort Innovation”) is Research & Development Corporation (RDC) that collect levies from the Australia horticulture industry. Hort Innovation is a registered Research Service Provider (RSP) with the primary purpose of investing levies into R&D initiatives with objectives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing resilience to ongoing/emerging pests and diseases;• Improving agronomic practices regarding product quality, crop timing and yield;• Identifying alternative pollinators;• Developing genetics and varietals;• Increasing sustainability; and• Developing and adopting automation and technology including precision agricultural technologies.
Describe what documents you have kept, or intend to keep, in relation to the activities in your project <i>(2 - 4000 characters)</i>

R&D is Hort Innovation's primary purpose and documentation associated with its R&D initiatives is consistently prepared and maintained by the RSP. Hort Innovation publishes extensive documentation detailing the R&D activities conducted on behalf of the horticultural industry.

Documentation captures the progress and outcomes of R&D projects, including strategic investment plans for each levy type, individual activity research reports, annual reports, publications, fact sheets, and supplementary materials which translate findings into actionable insights for the horticulture industry.

These resources are designed to ensure all levy payers are kept informed of the projects conducted on their behalf and are readily accessible via the Hort Innovation website and through direct communications with levy payers.

Briefly describe the plant and facilities to be allocated to the project (specialist equipment, facilities etc.) (2 - 4000 characters)

The successful delivery of each Hort Innovation project relies on access to a range of facilities and resources that meet the specific needs of each horticultural R&D initiative. To ensure access to the required facilities, Hort Innovation collaborates with a network of organisations including peak industry bodies, universities, contract research organisations and growers to ensure all necessary infrastructure, equipment, and expertise is available to achieve the desired R&D activity outcome.

Plant and facilities allocated to key activities may include, but are not limited to, dedicated agricultural growing areas, horticultural research sites, nurseries, processing equipment, laboratories, and controlled-environment infrastructure such as greenhouses or growth chambers.

Personnel from Hort Innovation, peak industry bodies, and contracted organisations are instrumental in driving the successful delivery of R&D activities. Specialists from contracted organisations and peak bodies bring a wealth of technical expertise and practical insights, ensuring the optimal utilisation of facilities, equipment, and plant resources to conduct rigorous, high-quality research.

By coordinating with trusted research partners and ensuring every project has access to the right tools, infrastructure, and expertise, Hort Innovation demonstrates its capacity to conduct impactful and evidence-based R&D.

Please describe whether the company will: (2 - 4000 characters)

- Effectively own the know-how, intellectual property, or other results arising from the project;
- Have control over the direction and conduct of the R&D activities; and
- Bear the financial burden of carrying out the activities

Hort Innovation conducts activities on behalf of the horticulture industry across specific growing categories for each crop type, whereby:

- Levy payers effectively own the results of the R&D activities and benefit directly from the results, including having access to final reports and the ability to apply the findings in connection with our business. Our interest in R&D outcomes of each activity is commensurate with our levy contributions.
- Levy payers exercise control over the R&D activities through involvement in setting research priorities, selecting successful research applications, and having oversight of project delivery commensurate with our levy contributions. These mechanisms demonstrate that levy payers, as a group, retain sufficient control over the direction and conduct of the R&D activities.
- Levy payers bear the financial burden of carrying out the activities by contributing non-refundable levies which are applied to fund the R&D program of activities conducted by Hort Innovation. Each levy payer can only claim R&D expenditure to the extent that their levy contribution is applied to the relevant R&D activities.

Core R&D Activities

Core R&D Activity 1	
Core R&D Activity Type <i>(Do not modify this row)</i>	
Activity Name <i>(0 - 250 characters)</i>	
Research and development for the olive industry	
Enter the start date for this core R&D activity	July 2024
Enter the end date for this core R&D activity	June 2029
Describe the core R&D activity <i>(Maximum of 4000 characters)</i>	
<p>The peak industry body, Australian Olive Association, works with Hort Innovation in providing R&D services to the industry. Industry research projects are conducted on an ongoing basis, targeting, for example, product quality and yield improvement; alternative pollinators; disease and pest resistance; genetic and varietal development; and automation and technological initiatives. As per the strategic investment plan, the current key research areas to further develop the olive industry include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating and developing optimised grove management strategies to address sources of yield variability. 	
Does this activity fall into one of the categories that exclude it from being a core R&D activity?	No
Who was this core R&D activity performed by?	Only Others (RSPs and CRCs)
Name of company performing this core R&D activity	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited
Is the entity who will conduct this core R&D activity a connected or affiliated entity?	No
Is the core R&D activity being conducted under an agreement the R&D entity has with a connected or affiliated entity who is located outside of Australia	No
Country of residence for company performing this core R&D activity	Australia
Was some or all of this core R&D activity conducted by a Research service Provider or Cooperative Research Centre?	Yes, a levy collecting Research Service Provider
Which Research Service Provider conducted some or all of this activity?	
Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	
A brief description of the services provided by the Research Service Provider <i>(Maximum of 2000 characters)</i>	
Hort Innovation, as a registered levy collecting RSP, provides services encompassing all the activities listed within this description.	

Supporting R&D Activities

Supporting R&D Activity 1	
Activity Name (0 - 250 characters)	
Supporting research and development activities for the olive industry	
Briefly describe this supporting R&D activity (Maximum of 2 - 4000 characters)	
As per Hort Innovation's strategic investment plan for the Australian olive industry, key activities supporting research to further develop the olive industry include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communications to ensure industry growers are strategically informed and engaged as stakeholders in R&D projects.• The management and coordination of R&D research projects for industry within consultation meetings• Management, renewal and application process for minor use permits• Workshops, seminars, development of fact sheets, field walks and focus groups for growers. These events typically focus on a mixture of technologies and ideas new to the industry along with development within existing properties and production systems.	
Which core R&D activities are supported by this supporting R&D activity?	
Research and development for the olive industry	
Is your intention to list a previously registered supporting R&D activity for this application?	No
Was some or all of this supporting R&D activity conducted by a Research Service Provider or Cooperative Research Centre?	Yes, a levy collecting Research Service Provider
Which Research Service Provider conducted some or all of this activity?	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited
A brief description of the services provided by the Research Service Provider (2 - 2000 characters)	
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Enter the start date for this Supporting R&D Activity	July 2024
Enter the end date for this Supporting R&D Activity	June 2029