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Fresh Produce Safety Conference

Accelerating Australian and New Zealand Food Safety Research

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**FRESH PRODUCE
SAFETY CENTRE**

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Conference Program

8.30 REGISTRATION

Tea and coffee will be served on arrival

9.00 CONFERENCE OPENING & LAUNCH OF THE FPSC

Introductions and Welcome: *Professor Mark Adams*, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, University of Sydney
Formal Opening of FPSC: *Dr Michael Spence*, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, University of Sydney
Welcome from the NSW Government: *Professor Mary O'Kane*, NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer
Objectives of the Centre: *Michael Worthington*, FPSC Director; CEO PMA A-NZ

9.30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Presentation: *Timothy York*, President, Markon Cooperative Inc – What's In My Salad? A US Perspective on Food Safety
Introduction: *Allison Clark*, FPSC Director; General Manager Marketing, Houston's Farm

10.15 HEADLINE RESEARCH OUTPUTS OF THE CPS US RELEVANT TO AUSTRALASIA

Presentation: *Dr Bob Whitaker*, Chief Science and Technology Officer, PMA US; Advisory Board member, US Center for Produce Safety
Introduction: *Associate Professor Robyn McConchie*, FPSC Director, Head, Plant and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, University of Sydney

10.45 BREAK

11.15 PANEL: THE CURRENT STATE OF FOOD SAFETY RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Chair: *Belinda Hazell*, FPSC Director; Principal Consultant, Optimum Standard
Dr Mike Butcher, FPSC Director; Technical Manager - Market Access, Pipfruit NZ
Professor Martin Cole, Chief of the CSIRO Division of Animal, Food and Health Sciences
Richard Bennett, FPSC Technology Manager
Joseph Ekman, FPSC Director; Technical Director, Fresh Produce Group

12.15 CASE STUDIES: ACTIVE RESEARCH ON FOOD SAFETY

Chair: *Catherine Richardson*, FPSC Director; Quality Manager, Zespri International
Associate Professor Robyn McConchie, FPSC Director; Head, Plant and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, University of Sydney – Survival of Salmonella in Soil Amended with Chicken Manure
Dr PJ Cullen, School of Chemical Engineering, UNSW – Chlorine Replacement in Washwater

1.00 LUNCH

2.00 AT THE CONSUMER COALFACE: RETAIL & FOOD SERVICE FOOD SAFETY PERSPECTIVES

Ed Palmer, Technical Manager – Fresh Produce, Coles
David Bradfield, Quality Assurance Manager, GSF Australasia

2.30 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE GUIDES FOR MELONS & FIELD TOMATOES

Dianne Fullelove, Dianne Fullelove & Associates

2.45 FOOD SAFETY OUTREACH PRIORITIES: RIGHT MESSAGE ON THE RIGHT MEDIUM AT THE RIGHT TIME

Emma Walters, FPSC interim Executive Director & Richard Bennett, FPSC Technology Manager

3.15 PRIORITIES AND PLANS FOR THE FIRST FPSC CALLS FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Emma Walters, FPSC interim Executive Director & Richard Bennett, FPSC Technology Manager

3.50 CONFERENCE WRAP UP

4.00 CONFERENCE CLOSE



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