



TRAVEL, CONFERENCE or SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE REPORT 2017

Part 1 - Summary Details

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CRDC Project Number: UQ1803

Project Title: Travel: Attend a project meeting for 1718FRP021 "Improving Plant Pest Management"

Project Commencement Date: 20/11/2017 **Project Completion Date:** 22/11/2017

CRDC Research Program: 1 Farmers

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Part 3 – Travel, Conference or Scientific Exchange Report

(Maximum two pages)

1. A brief description of the purpose of the travel.

The purpose of the travel was to attend a project meeting of the Rural R&D for Profit project “Improving Plant Pest Management through Cross Industry Deployment of Smart Sensor, Diagnostics and Forecasting” before project specific funding was made available.

2. What were the:

- a) major findings and outcomes**
- b) other highlights**

The main outcome of this travel was that it allowed me to develop relationships within the wider project group at an early stage. Being able to attend the first face-to-face project meeting was critical to establishing good relationships with the other researchers and with the different industry and government groups that are involved. I have been able to engage in a number of early discussions with other researchers who are working on related aspects of the wider project. These discussions will shape how I will approach my role within the project.

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, my attendance at the early project meetings was crucial to ensure that the needs of the cotton industry could be presented and accounted for within the broader group discussions. This includes discussions about which pest species the group might focus on initially. This travel funding allowed me to fill that role within the meeting, and as with the point early, establish relationships with the wider group so that these needs can be met in the long term.

The project funding has now come through and future meetings will not require separate travel funding. This funding has, however, filled a critical gap in the interim and I am immensely appreciative.

Please email your report 30 days after travel/conference to: research@crdc.com.au