



Vegetable Growers Victoria.

Notes



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Update for VGA Members

IDO's return to Victoria

We are pleased to announce that your VGA is one of several Victorian industry groups to receive a development grant under the Victorian State Governments **Better Services to Farmers** initiative.

This announcement will be welcomed by Victorian vegetable growers whose R&D levy funded IDO program was recently discontinued after 10 years service to industry.

Horticulture program manager **Euan Laird**, said DPI has invited industry associations to help improve services to farmers through co-funded Industry Development Officers.



Mr Laird said many industry groups were trying to "do good work" but low memberships did not provide them with a stable funding base.

Mr Laird said the IDOs would take on technical and agronomic roles while DPI staff would focus on Government priorities including water, climate and biosecurity issues.



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