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Hi Darius,

Here's the direction we're heading... I'm about to hop onto a conference call in half an hour to workshop the response so it might change substantially.

I'll let you know where we land.

If there are bits below that the CSIRO has sensitivities about please let me know.

Thanks Anita

*Thank you for sending through the article from Dr Newman and your inquiries.*

*We note that the material is not in fact peer reviewed science but an opinion piece and two of the economic papers referred to have been widely critiqued for drawing extremely wide bases for their estimates of economic cost.*

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- breeding new rootstocks with greater tolerance to pests, salinity, heat and water stress*
- developing new strategies to manage harvest timing and alleviate compressed ripening and harvest windows caused by climate change*
- new digital technologies to better estimate yield, crop condition and grape quality, and*
- future proofing Australia's grapevine germplasm.*

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