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Barry O'Neil is the chief executive of Kiwifruit Vine Health. KVH is a grower-driven, pan-industry organisation established in December 2010 to lead the New Zealand kiwifruit industry response to the Psa incursion. In November 2012, KVH was tasked by the kiwifruit industry to manage the wider biosecurity readiness, response and operational role on behalf of the kiwifruit industry.

Barry O'Neil is a biosecurity operational specialist. He has significant knowledge from several years in senior management and leadership roles as a consultant and with MAF Biosecurity NZ, in New Zealand and overseas.

Barry's experience includes policy and international standard setting and trade negotiations; and operational biosecurity risk-management activities involving the border, surveillance, response and eradication. Barry led MAF's emergency response efforts into a number of incursions including the initial MAF response work to Psa.

Barry owns a kiwifruit orchard in Katikati, and is also a Director of Biosecurity NZ Ltd, Scion, Bio-protection Research centre, and he is a member of the Governance group for the Biological Heritage National Science Challenge.

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