COVID-19 Innovation Acceleration Fund (CIAF)

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Overview

• The CIAF aimed to:
  – accelerate the operational deployment of innovative solutions
  – provide rapid short-term support to New Zealand based entities to develop and more quickly deploy a range of new products, processes, or services (‘products’)
Funded projects

- Covid prevention - devices/software
- Covid prevention - PPE
- Covid prevention - sterilisation
- Covid testing
- Drug development and supply
- Health monitoring
- Pandemic management
- Secondary benefits
- Tracing/distancing technologies
- Vaccines
- Ventilators
- Wellbeing
Wool-related projects

• **Lanaco** – “Building an indigenous NZ-made filter media supply chain to guarantee current and future PPE supply” ($500k)
  – Wool/nano-fibre filter blend for face masks

• **Lincoln Agritech** – “Deconstructed wool PPE masks and filtration components for local supply chain, high efficiency virus protection” ($290k)
  – Paper-like wool membranes for face masks