



**SENATOR THE HON MURRAY WATT
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

MC23-001074

Ms Nicola Hinder PSM
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Dear Ms Hinder *Nicola*

I refer to my correspondence of 10 July 2023 where I gave under section 10 of *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* (Administration Act) of my consideration to giving a direction to the APVMA in order to ensure that in performing its functions or exercising its powers, it complies with polices referred to in section 9A of the Administration Act.

I remain satisfied that a need exists for me to give a direction on these matters.

The signed direction is at Annex 1.

For public transparency I ask you make this direction available through the APVMA website as soon as practicable after 11 am 14 July 2023.

Additionally, I am requesting under section 7 of the Administration Act that the APVMA reports to me every three months from the date of this letter, on the following matters relating to chemical products and performance of APVMA functions:

- progress complying with my direction to the APVMA
- timelines, with identifiable milestones, for each of the chemical reconsiderations that has been ongoing for over 17 years, and
- progress against those timelines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Murray Watt'.

MURRAY WATT

13/7/2023

Cc: Dr Steve Jeffries AM, Acting APVMA Board Chair



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***Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*
Ministerial direction to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority**

I, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, consistent with section 10 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* (Administration Act) am satisfied it is necessary, in order to ensure that in performing its functions or exercising its powers, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) complies with policies referred to in section 9A of the Administration Act, to direct the APVMA that it:

- recognise that the onus rests on those entities seeking to bring products to the Australian market to establish, and maintain, compliance with the statutory criteria of safety, efficacy, trade and labelling.
- undertake all necessary actions to facilitate the determination of chemical reconsiderations that have been ongoing for over 17 years (**Attachment A**), having regard to the full suite of regulatory powers available including compelling the provision of data and the consequences of non-compliance.
- maintain, and update at least annually, a prioritised work program for the assessment of all chemical reconsiderations (nominated, proposed, or active). Where new priorities arise, the APVMA will publish the change to the chemical reconsideration work plan.
- where a chemical reconsideration is discontinued as the result of all products being withdrawn from registration by the registration holders, the APVMA must publish a summary of findings to date, identifying those matters where APVMA's satisfaction remained in question.

Dated: 13 / 7 / 2023

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MURRAY WATT
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Attachment A

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| 1. Chlorpyrifos | 5. Paraquat |
| 2. Fenitrothion | 6. Malathion/maldison |
| 3. Diazinon | 7. Fipronil |
| 4. Diquat | 8. Neomycin |