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# Letter of transmittal



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Pesticides and  
Veterinary Medicines Authority**

29 September 2017

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP  
Minister for Agriculture  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Joyce

I am pleased to submit the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) annual report for the year ending 30 June 2017 for your agreement to table.

The APVMA is required by the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* to provide an annual report on its operations for the preceding financial year. Among other things, the report must contain the financial statements required by s 42 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and an audit report on those statements under s 43 of the PGPA Act. I confirm that this annual report complies with these requirements.

Also, in accordance with the *Commonwealth fraud control guidelines*, I certify that the APVMA has prepared a fraud risk assessment and a Fraud Control Plan, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Parker'.

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## VISION

Australians have confidence that agricultural and veterinary chemicals are safe to use.

## MISSION

To protect the health and safety of Australia—its people, animals and environment—and support Australian agriculture by taking a scientific and risk-based approach to regulating agricultural and veterinary chemicals.