



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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Following the [announcement](#) by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources the Hon Barnaby Joyce, the APVMA will be relocating its operation to Armidale in regional NSW, expected early to mid–2019.

The APVMA CEO, Kareena Arthy, said detailed planning will now begin to ensure the organisation is able to operate out of Canberra while a coordinated change management process gets underway to move the agency to Armidale.

‘This decision provides the APVMA, our staff, clients and stakeholders with certainty. The role of the APVMA as a regulator is what’s important, not where the role is undertaken, and the commitment to providing a quality service for the agvet industry remains paramount,’ Ms Arthy said.

‘The APVMA will work to ensure disruption to its core business is minimised as much as possible—clients can continue to have confidence and trust in the quality of the services we provide.’

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