



HeadsUp

A COMMENTARY
ON INDUSTRY ISSUES



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AGM, Board appointments and key outcomes from Board Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR FOR 2023-24

CropLife Australia held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10 October 2023 where appointments to the Board were confirmed. Following the AGM, the CropLife Board re-elected Syngenta's Country Head and Managing Director ANZ, Mr Paul Luxton, to serve as President of the organisation for the 2023-24 term.

Joining Mr Luxton on the CropLife Executive will be:

- Vice President (Crop Protection and Stewardship) – Mr Damien Ryan, Managing Director, Sipcam Pacific Australia
- Vice President (Crop Biotechnology) – Mr Warren Inwood, Managing Director, Bayer CropScience
- Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee – Mr Gavin Jackson, Head of Agricultural Solutions Australia and New Zealand, BASF Australia

The CropLife Executive are joined by the following company heads to serve on the CropLife Australia Board of Directors for 2023-24:

- Mr Steven Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Adama Australia
- Mr Kent Davies, Managing Director – JKANZ Commercial Unit Leader, Corteva Agriscience
- Mr Eric Kalasz, Managing Director ANZ, FMC Australasia
- Mr Peter O'Keefe, Commercial General Manager, Nufarm Australia Limited
- Mr Brett Ryan, Managing Director, Sumitomo Chemical Australia Pty Limited

Chairing CropLife's Standing Reference and Technical Committees will be:

- Crop Protection and Stewardship Committee – Mr Damien Ryan, Sipcam Pacific Australia
- Crop Biotechnology Committee – Mr Warren Inwood, Bayer CropScience, who has nominated Ms Amanda Forster to be his delegate as Chair of the Committee.

Mr Gavin Jackson, BASF Australia, will continue as Chairman of Agsafe, CropLife Australia's industry stewardship programs organisation.

KEY OUTCOMES FROM OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

CropLife Australia By-Laws

The Board endorsed updated By-Laws for the Company, a copy of which is available in the Members Only Area on the CropLife Australia website. Please do not hesitate to contact [CropLife Media and Communications](#) if you do not already have access to the website's Members Area.

The CropLife Australia Constitution adopted by members on 14 July 2023, incorporated a large component of items previously contained in the Company's By-Laws. These updated By-Laws comprise those remaining items not included in the Constitution, with very minor adjustment to reflect current corporate and government operations of the Company.

Next Generation Pesticide Regulation

The Board received an in-depth update on and endorsed CropLife's advocacy in response to release of the report on the external review of the APVMA conducted by Clayton Utz. Of note is CropLife's coordination of responses to the release of the report across many of Australia's farming organisations, as well as work with all of its strategic partners to ensure any government action in response to the APVMA Strategic Review is based on fact and is undertaken in a genuinely independent manner in both substance and perception.

Biosecurity Import Conditions (BICON)

The Board noted that CropLife's ongoing engagement over a period of two years with the Animal and Biological Imports Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry had succeeded in achieving positive outcomes in BICON Permits. CropLife's advocacy had effectively demonstrated both the time and financial burden involved in securing permits for products that have for decades been approved and safely imported.

Repeatedly postponed since 2018, the Branch has now commenced drafting the requisite regulations required to move the "conditionally non-prohibited" goods of biological origin list into an "Approved" Goods Determination, to provide permanent exemption for pesticides and formulation ingredients. The Department expects the updated Goods Determination to be completed and introduced by the end of 2023. CropLife is committed to ensuring this list of highly refined organic compounds remains current to prevent the re-introduction of permits for chemicals that have been assessed and approved.

Regulatory Reform Agenda – Crop Biotechnology

CropLife's continued increased pressure at both ministerial and departmental levels relevant to ongoing delays in completion of the review of the National Gene Technology Regulatory Scheme was noted by the Board. While a firm timeline is yet to be released, initial advice indicates drafting of the respective Bill is 90 percent complete with public consultation to be sought early 2024. CropLife will continue its engagement to ensure a fixed timeline is provided and the Department of Health meets the milestones therein. Also noted by the Board was the expectation of release for public comment before the end of the year of the next phase of the *FSANZ Review of Food Derived Using New Breeding Techniques*.

drumMUSTER® and ChemClear® Programs Fee-For-Service Model

The Board received advice of the formalisation of a formal Deed of Agreement between Agsafe and AgStewardship Australia to transition the drumMUSTER® and ChemClear® Programs income model from a levy-based system to a fee-for-service model, which will be managed by CropLife Australia's industry stewardship organisation, Agsafe.

Confidential Items

Please note that the Board deals with a range of highly sensitive and confidential matters that are not included in this Heads Up summary. The Chief Executive Officer privately briefs company heads on any such matters that may be of interest or relevant to them.

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