



MEDIA STATEMENT

RESIGNATION OF APVMA CEO KAREENA ARTHY

21 April 2017 (Canberra) – The announcement of the resignation of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) Chief Executive Officer Ms Kareena Arthy is disappointing but CropLife Australia acknowledges her strong leadership of the Authority and thanks her for her efforts.

Since her appointment almost five years ago, Ms Arthy lead the APVMA through significant change with legislative reform and a range of internal management and operational improvements.

Under the leadership of Ms Arthy the APVMA improved its performance and we hope that internal improvement momentum is not lost with her leaving. Unfortunately, much of her good work has been swiftly eroded as a direct result of forced relocation of the APVMA and associated experienced staff losses.

Addressing the ramifications of the relocation and upheaval of Australia's agvet chemical regulator remains the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Ms Arthy has always professionally and constructively engaged with industry and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

The Australian Government now needs to ensure an appointment process is undertaken swiftly and in full consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

The Australian plant science industry looks forward to working with a new CEO to help the Australian agricultural sector through the challenges ahead.

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