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PLANT SCIENCE INDUSTRY WELCOMES NEW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

The national peak industry organisation for the plant science sector welcomes today's appointment of David Littleproud MP as Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources

Tuesday 19 December 2017 (Canberra) – David Littleproud's appointment as Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources has today been welcomed by CropLife Australia, as the national peak industry body for the plant science sector.

"The plant science industry is looking forward to working with Minister Littleproud in continuing to advance Australian agriculture and the crucial supporting agribusinesses that deliver innovation to Australian farming", CropLife Australia CEO, Matthew Cossey said today.

"The plant science industry is also pleased that Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston has been retained as Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources. It is very positive news that Senator Ruston's proven record of commitment to the agricultural portfolio will be continued in the new Ministry."

"CropLife is looking forward to assisting and working with Minister Littleproud and Senator Ruston to ensure a strong, productive future for Australian agriculture. There is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that Australia's farming sector reaches its full potential over the coming decades," concluded Mr Cossey.

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia (CropLife) is the peak industry organisation representing the agricultural chemical and biotechnology (plant science) sector in Australia. CropLife represents the innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and agricultural biotechnology products. The plant science industry provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies that are key to the nation's agricultural productivity, sustainability and food security. The plant science industry is worth more than \$17.6 billion a year to the Australian economy and directly employs thousands of people across the country. CropLife and its members are committed to the stewardship of their products throughout their lifecycle and to ensuring that human health, environment and trade issues associated with agricultural chemical use in Australia are responsibly and sustainably managed. Our member companies contribute more than \$13 million a year to stewardship activities to ensure the safe and effective use of their products. CropLife ensures the responsible use of these products through its mandatory industry code of conduct and has set a benchmark for industry stewardship through programs such as **drumMUSTER**, ChemClear® and Agsafe Accreditation and Training. Our stewardship activities demonstrate our commitment to managing the impacts associated with container waste and unwanted chemicals.

