
New Agriculture Minister Welcomed by the Plant Science Industry

01 June 2022 (Canberra) - The national peak industry organisation for the plant science sector welcomes the appointment of Senator the Hon Murray Watt as Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. CropLife Australia also welcomes the Hon Ed Husic as Minister for Industry and Science and the Hon Ms Tanya Plibersek as Minister for the Environment and Water, portfolios that are equally important to our industry.

Senator Watt has shown a long and significant interest in Australia's agricultural sector and has previously served as a member of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee.

CropLife Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Cossey, said, "CropLife Australia and our members congratulate Senator Watt on his appointment to the important role of Minister for Agriculture.

"The CropLife team looks forward to working with the new Minister to ensure Australia's agriculture industry remains a world-leader and continues to grow to reach the target of being a \$100 billion industry by 2030.

"A passionate and committed Minister is needed to give the Australian farming sector the support it needs to tackle the major challenges ahead. Input industries like the plant science industry play a pivotal role in helping farmers address the challenges of climate change, food and nutritional security and affordability through important innovations that will enable a more sustainable and productive farming sector.

"CropLife thanks Julie Collins for her time as Shadow Agriculture Minister and congratulates her on the appointment as Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Small Business.

"We also thank David Littleproud for his work as the Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia and wish him well in his role as the new Leader of the Nationals," Mr. Cossey concluded.

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia is the national peak industry organisation representing the plant science sector in Australia. CropLife's members are the world-leading innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and crop biotechnology products. The plant science industry, worth more than \$20 billion a year to Australian agricultural production, provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies key to the nation's agricultural productivity, profitability and sustainability. CropLife is part of the plant science industry's 91 country international federation.

