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APVMA Receives and Responds to 2026 Ministerial Statement of Expectations

Today, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority released its Regulator Statement of Intent, in response to Assistant Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm's Statement of Expectations. The Statement was delivered to the APVMA on 22 Dec 2025.

The expectations outlined by Assistant Minister Chisholm focus on the Government's productivity agenda and raises CropLife's long-held priorities. Importantly, the regulator is expected to deliver initiatives that create a regulatory environment that supports innovation in pesticide registrations, while achieving its regulatory objectives efficiently and effectively to minimise the cost recovery burden on industry.

The APVMA is directed to perform in a manner consistent with the Department of Finance's Resource Management Guide 128: Regulator Performance (RMG128) and continue current efforts to improve workplace culture and governance arrangements, while strengthening its processes. Further, the Minister outlined his expectation to fully support and engage with the Department to implement commitments made in the Detailed response to the final report on future structure and governance arrangements for the APVMA (detailed response), released on 4 November 2024.

Critically, the Regulator continues to use the 2023 Ministerial Statement of Expectations as an excuse for its continual failure to meet statutory timeframes. CropLife remains concerned about the extended and deteriorating trend in performance, and the adoption of a regulatory posture that appears to intentionally neglect statutory timeframe requirements. Despite these concerns CropLife remains committed to working constructively with the Regulator, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Federal Government to implement targeted reforms for further genuine efficiency improvements and the removal of unnecessary regulatory burden on our industry.

Click here to read the [Ministerial Statement of Expectations](#).

Click here to read the [Regulator Statement of Intent](#).

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