



March 25, 2016

Mr Paul Lindwall
Presiding Commissioner
Regulation of Australian Agriculture
Productivity Commission
Locked Bag 2, Collins Street
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By email: agriculture@pc.gov.au

Dear Mr Lindwall,

Re: Regulation of Australian Agriculture

The VMDA is a peak body representing a substantial group of registrants and manufacturers of animal health products, as well as other key industry participants. We have as our key platform the support and development of local industry, including manufacturing and export.

The VMDA supports all of the objects of the *Agvet Code*, especially as they relate to the effective regulation of safe and efficacious animal health products for the farming and domestic sectors. We note that among the objects of the *Code*, the furthering of international trade, the viability and competitiveness of primary industry, and a domestic industry for manufacturing chemical products, are regarded as essential for the well-being of the economy.

The *Agvet Code* further states that this requires a regulatory system that is cost effective & efficient, predictable, adaptable, and responsive. The implementation of the *Code* should balance regulatory effort with the burden placed on approval holders and the domestic industry.

The VMDA urges the APVMA and others providing input to the regulatory process to take particular note of all of the objects of the *Agvet Code*, and the need for a cooperative and non-adversarial approach to agvet chemical regulation. Accordingly we provide you with our submission as to the future requirements for regulation of Australian agriculture as it relates to the animal health sector and in particular to the regulation of veterinary medicines.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Adams
President & Executive Director