

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING CCC39**

17 May 2006

John Curtin House, Canberra

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jenni Mack (Chair), Sam Beechey, Peter Cone, Joe Elbustani, Liz Hanna, Jo Immig, John Temperley, Neville Prowse- Brown

APVMA OFFICERS PRESENT

Eva Bennet-Jenkins (part), David Loschke (part), Tim Dyke (part), Kathleen Allan, Alan Norden (part), Simon Cubit (part), Les Davies, Subbu Putcha (part)

GUESTS

Debbie Morris Director Apporvals of the NZ Food Safety Authority attended the meeting as an observer.

APOLOGIES

Julie Buckley

AGENDA ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed members and attending APVMA staff. The Chair welcomed new members John Temperley and Neville Prowse-Brown.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The proposed agenda was accepted.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF CCC38

The Minutes of CCC38 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

All actions either complete or addressed as part of separate agenda items. Two papers were distributed: Review of APVMA consultative committees and APVMA standard on good regulatory science practice.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – MEMBER MATTERS

6.1 Member activity since CCC38

Sam Beechey

- Continuing availability of diazanon remains a concern
- Had been an incident with a sick worker in a blue gum plantation – cause not known at this point

- Ectoparasiticide residues in wool a trade issue

Peter Cone

- Drummer had played a big role in the Cyclone Larry clean-up
- The Apriarists concerns with labels had been progressed through the labelling working party (on which Peter represents the CCC)
- The 24D review was causing a big reaction in the community

Liz Hanna

- Sydney fishermen health issues
- SAICM?
- NICCAS is conducting a major community engagement program with forums being held in a number of major centres.

Jo Immig

- Lindane now POPs chemical – what will Australia do to phase it fully out
- Canola seed contamination
- Glufosinate – concerned about off target plant and animal impacts, acute risks for toddlers and operator exposure
- Dioxin contamination in Sydney Harbour as a result of pesticide manufacture and its impacts on health of fishermans and toxicity in fish stocks is an example of the cost of pesticide contamination

Jo Elbustani

- Is hosting a IPM field day at his farm on June 7. Extended an invitation to members and APVMA staff to attend. Joe is increasingly adopting IPM techniques
- Objective is to use safer chemicals but must have alternatives to replace chemicals that are taken away

6.2 Introduction of new members

Members were asked to briefly introduce themselves including details of the constituency they represent.

6.3 Other matters

6.3.1 Animal welfare

Agreed to defer item until next meeting but write to Helen Rosser informing her of the delay and thanking her for her report.

ACTION 39.1 Consider Helen Rosser's paper at CCC 40

6.3.2 Glufosinate

APVMA provided a written response to questions from Jo Immig. Jo had hoped paper would have addressed EU food standards issues. APVMA noted that Australian data on residues no concern. Glufosinate is only available for use on cotton here, unlike Europe where is widely available.

AGENDA 7 WORK PROGRAM

7.1 Review of the APVMA Chemical Review Program

The meeting agreed to the recommendations in the report.

1. When the review priority list is complete it should be notified to the CCC.
2. Once scoping of an individual review is complete and the review announced, the CCC should consider the best method of engaging with the community for that specific review.
3. The APVMA may want to seek CCC input on the user friendliness of the first few review information sheets as a means of testing the appropriateness of the content for community stakeholders.
4. CCC members should distribute information sheets and updates about reviews to their constituents as well as via the e-bulletin.

ACTION 39.2

- **APVMA to notify CCC when chem. review priority list is complete.**
- **APVMA to seek CCC feedback on best method of engaging with the community for specific reviews.**
- **APVMA to seek CCC input on user friendliness of first few review information sheets**
- **CCC member to distribute information sheets and review updates to constituents and via the e-bulletin**

7.2 Spray drift update

Finalising policy following last round of consultation. Need to prepare a regulatory impact statement. Expected to go to October Board meeting. Will need label updates for spray drift risk.

7.4 Agvet chemical container management

Held over

7.5 APVMA website redevelopment

The meeting NOTED that the APVMA is moving to new premises in late 2006. The move and a number of other factors have influenced the APVMA to look at it's overall brand values and corporate positioning. The APVMA has recently clarified our brand values in consultation with internal and external stakeholders and these together with our mission and vision statement are important elements to consider in respect of the APVMA's website. The website is the primary communication vehicle for the APVMA and needs to meet the needs of four key stakeholder groups: government, the community, chemical users and the chemical industry.

The APVMA has recently commenced a project to redesign the APVMA website. The project has two objectives: to ensure that the website complements the APVMA's vision and mission statements as well as branding values and that stakeholder needs

are met. The project consists of two major components. The first stage is development of a new design overlay and new architecture for the four stakeholder groups. The second stage will be complete audit of existing content and revision and amendments as necessary.

The meeting NOTED the proposed layout of the redesigned home page and suggestions for the four stakeholder gateway pages. Accessibility of relevant and targeted information is of primary consideration.

7.6 Review of APVMA minor use and reduced risk guidelines

Alan Norden provided an update report and noted the APVMA proposed to engage OCS and DEH to develop criteria and guidelines by August 2006. It would seek external consultant to conduct the industry survey but not until later this year.

The committee agreed that reduced risk guidelines would have use well beyond the minor use program. Allan confirmed they could be applied to the registration process generally. It was noted that IPM would be a driver of minor use more generally and it may be useful to arrange an information session for the CCC.

The committee noted that rather than an **industry** expert a **survey** expert should be sought to conduct the survey. Industry knowledge would obviously be useful but surveying is the core skill sought.

APVMA agreed to consult the CCC working party about the detail of both the request to OCS/DEH and the consultant brief for the survey work.

ACTION 39.3 APVMA to consult the CCC working party about the detail of both the request to OCS/DEH and the consultant brief for the survey work.

ACTION 39.4 Send Jo's background paper to new CCC members.

7.7 AERP Ag update

APVMA has been diverted on other projects and not much has happened since last meeting. Report noted.

7.8 CCA review update

Link has been provided to EPA information about timber sealants.

Atrazine review update

DEH reponse is due shortly. CCC noted atrazine was a big community issue and there were already concerns that nothing will change here regardless of actions in EU and Canada.

ACTION 39.5 Discuss community input to atrazine review at next meeting.

7.9 Committee work plan

This was the main item for the meeting and consumed most of the day. Over two sessions in small groups the committee considered the key themes or major headings

for the next three yearly work plan. It also considered specific work projects. Small groups reported back and attempts were made to seek consensus around the key themes.

The Chair agreed to write up notes from the session and circulate these for comment out of session with the view to bringing consolidated comments and hopefully a draft plan back to the next meeting.

ACTION 39.6 Jenni to prepare notes of the session and circulate for comment and hopefully bring a draft plan back to next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8 APVMA REPORTS

8.1 Pesticides program

Members NOTED the Pesticides Program report.

8.2 Veterinary medicines program

Members NOTED the Veterinary Medicines Program report.

8.3 Quality assurance and compliance program

Members NOTED the Quality Assurance and Compliance Program report.

8.4 Board update

Item deferred until CCC40.

8.5 APVMA committee updates

Members NOTED APVMA committee update

AGENDA ITEM 9 - 2006 MEETING DATES

CCC40 – Thursday 17 August

CCC41 – Wednesday 29 November

CLOSE

The Chair thanked members and staff for their attendance. The Chair acknowledged that it was Kathleen Allan's last meeting as Secretariat, thanked her for her very significant contribution to the committee and wished her well for the future.

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

Signed

Jenni Mack (Chair)

Kathleen Allan (Secretariat)