APVMA Veterinary Medicines Working Group

Meeting Summary – 20 May 2025

Introductions

The Chair conducted an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed members to the inaugural meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Working Group (the Working Group).

Terms of reference

Members requested that the terms of reference clarify the timeframes for discussion papers and minutes. The Working Group agreed that meeting papers would be provided at least one week in advance, and minutes within the following fortnight.

Permits

Members were informed that additional resources were temporarily assigned to permit assessments for May following a high volume of applications. This significantly reduced the backlog of unresolved assessments and more than doubled the number of decisions made compared to the previous month.

Cost Recovery

Members were advised that the APVMA intends to consult on a revised cost recovery implementation statement (CRIS) in 2025.

Process enhancement initiative

APVMA has launched an ongoing Process Enhancement Initiative.

The Initiative has identified a series of actionable improvements which are being triaged based on their resourcing requirements. Members received a high-level summary of potential changes that the APVMA is currently considering.

GMP Code

Members were updated regarding the status of the Australian Code of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for veterinary chemical products (GMP Code) review which the APVMA intends to finalise in 2025.

Immunobiological product data guidelines

Members were provided with a high-level summary of feedback received during public consultation on these guidelines. The APVMA intends to publish the final guidelines in October 2025.