



APVMA Agricultural Chemicals Working Group

Meeting summary – 13 May 2026

APVMA update

The Chair welcomed new members and provided an update on regulatory performance and operations, and regulatory priorities. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is focused on increasing efficiency and predictability in timeframes, ensuring confidence in the regulatory system, and progressing reforms, including more streamlined regulatory pathways.

Minor use enhancements

The APVMA outlined a project to improve long-term access to minor uses, including reducing reliance on permits by transitioning uses onto product labels. Stakeholder consultation is underway.

Members discussed opportunities and challenges associated with this work.

Chemical review update

The APVMA provided a high-level update on the chemical review program, noting recent regulatory actions, progress on priority reviews and publication of updated priorities for future reviews.

Phosphine labels

A member raised changes to worker safety limits for phosphine, and potential implications to the grains industry. The APVMA outlined actions, including stakeholder engagement in coming months.

Working group activities

Members discussed opportunities to improve timeframe predictability and highlighted the importance of aligning regulatory approaches with practical industry needs.