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Standing Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources

Inquiry into APVMA regulatory reforms

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APVMA regulatory reforms report tabled

The House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Water Reforms has tabled its [report](#) into the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's implementation of regulatory reforms.

Committee Chair, Rick Wilson MP, emphasised that the regulation of Australia's agricultural chemicals and veterinary medicines industry needs to be efficient and effective:

"The products that the APVMA regulates are of everyday importance to the entire agricultural sector, and therefore to every Australian", Mr Wilson noted, "so it is vitally important that the APVMA function as effectively as possible".

The Committee made four recommendations, including that there be a follow-up audit to monitor the APVMA's ongoing implementation of reforms, particularly in light of its continuing relocation to Armidale. The Committee also supported the Government's moves to establish a Board of Directors to provide additional governance oversight for the APVMA.

Further, the Committee recommended that the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources consider new funding models for the APVMA to help it function more efficiently and that the APVMA provide the Committee with an update on its risk management treatment.

The Committee's report is based on evidence from industry stakeholders and the APVMA itself after an [Australian National Audit Office report](#) found that the APVMA's implementation of reforms had been mixed.

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