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Committee Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
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Dear committee secretary,

NSW Farmers is grateful for the opportunity to provide comment on the Inquiry into Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Board and Other Improvements) Bill 2019 [Provisions].

NSW Farmers would like to provide our support for the submissions from Grain Producers Australia and the National Farmers' Federation. In particular, NSW Farmers supports the intent of the bill to:

- provide the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) and industry with more flexibility to deal with certain types of new information provided when the APVMA is considering an application
- enable the use of new, simpler regulatory processes for chemicals of low regulatory concern, to simplify the approval of active constituents and labels, and the registration of certain products
- support computerised decision-making by the APVMA
- optimise risk communication about chemical products by improving the transparency of voluntary recalls.

We reiterate the need for members of any new APVMA board to be selected on a skills basis and continue to allow the organisation to operate independently. NSW Farmers also notes the comments of Grain Producers Australia regarding Part 16 of Schedule 1 (Items 105 to 107).

Should you have any questions, please contact Alexandra Bunton, A/g Policy Director – Cropping and Horticulture,

Yours sincerely,

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