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**Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of fenthion on
Australia's horticultural industry**

**Monday, 7 July 2014
Canberra, ACT**

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2014 3:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: RE: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: CR198-1_DEWHA_covltr.doc

[REDACTED] attached letter summarises our most recent (2009) advise to APVMA on this. Recommendation 1 is the key one of interest here by the look of it.

Let me know if you would also like the full risk assessment report that this letter accompanied.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2014 10:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: RE: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only] [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

The cover letter to the APVMA summarising our advice from the updated 2009 assessment attached.

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From: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED] RE: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi [REDACTED]

I think the former – i would be interested in what advice if any we provided APVMA on this chemical in relation to environmental risk assessment.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 January 2014 9:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

[REDACTED]

In response to your email about this – [redacted] forwarded the enamel to us yesterday and we've done a little digging here already. Below is what we've come up with in terms of background info. The outstanding question is whether we want to have input into the submission. I was unclear from the email you were cc'd into, whether DAFF was just making you aware they were preparing the submission and keeping you in the loop, or whether they were seeking actual input etc.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2014 4:36 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi [redacted]

Agree with [redacted] that it appears the PRF are residue/health issues. I can't locate any published info on the environmental risk assessment for fenthion for food-producing products in the regulatory action since Sep 2012 (see archive if interested on APVMA website <http://www.apvma.gov.au/products/review/current/fenthion.php>)

FYI, our updated 2009 report [redacted]

This differs from the earlier (2002) report [redacted]
[redacted] But none of this is in the public domain.

Fenthion is #19 on priority list for spray drift label review but the 2009 report should be largely up to date with the current published policy. However I note the uncertain status of the current spray drift regulations in reviews at this time.

I don't see what contribution we could make to a submission on this basis. We could prepare a generic short statement of Environment's role etc but without the environment report being published there is not much we can say about this review/spray drift that wouldn't be better said by the APVMA.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2014 3:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all, as promised I've had a quick look at the APVMA web site – this indicates that there are a number of now prohibited uses (including citrus), but a longer list of still allowed uses, so it's very hard to get a quick handle on the issues from there, except that it does seem to result from the residues and dietary risk assessment report. As discussed Ami did our agriculture use report quite some time ago.

However, from an ABC new report of 17 December 2013 it does appear it's the stone fruit (hard to find on the list of prohibited and allowed uses) industry that has been pushing, and that it's spraying rather than post harvest dipping which is the issue – copy attached.

The low-chill stonefruit industry has welcomed a Senate inquiry into a chemical used pre-harvest to control fruit fly.

The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee will investigate the implications of the restriction on the use of the chemical on Australia's horticultural industry.

It comes after lobbying from growers about the impact the new restrictions, imposed by the nation's chemical regulator, the APVMA, were having on crops.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2014 11:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

At this stage fyi, but may become an action with a tight deadline. Lets discuss at today's tactical meeting

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2014 11:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi,

I think this may be of more interest to CAS than ChemPol although it has gone to [REDACTED] so he may decide whether we need to provide input.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, 6 January 2014 10:46 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Timeline for response to Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear all,

As discussed at the end of last year, we need to prepare a single submission to the Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry before the end of January.

Submission to the Senate Inquiry into the implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry

[[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport/Fenthion](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Fenthion)].

We propose the following timeline for completing the Department's submission:

7 January – All to provide dot points on issues that should be covered in a flat, factual submission by reference to the terms of reference (listed below)

9 January – All to provide input for relevant items in the terms of reference

10 January – Agricultural Productivity to circulate a draft submission for comment

13 January – Meeting to discuss submission and key facts to be addressed in the submission

16 January – Final comments due on first draft submission

17 January – Submission to SES for clearance

23 January – Submission to the Minister for noting

28 January – Submission to Secretariat for the Senate inquiry (cc all participants)

Terms of reference:

The implications of the restriction on the use of Fenthion on Australia's horticultural industry, including:

- a. the roles and responsibilities of relevant departments and agencies of Commonwealth, state and territory governments in relation to the regulation of pesticides and veterinary chemicals;
- b. the short- and long-term impact of the decision on stakeholders;
- c. the effectiveness and sustainability of chemicals other than Fenthion to manage fruit fly;
- d. transition arrangements following the restriction on the use of Fenthion, including Area Wide Management; and
- e. any related matters.

Our submissions needs to be submitted by **28 January 2014**. The reporting date is **25 June 2014**.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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