

Australian Labor Party Dissenting Report

1.1 Labor acknowledges that the Committee received broad support for the provisions of the bill and its intent to improve the effectiveness of the regulation of agvet chemicals in Australia.

1.2 However, Labor shares the real concerns raised by stakeholders in relation to various measures in the bill, particularly to the lack of detail as to how the amendments will operate in practice via regulations.

1.3 Labor currently does not support Part 5—Accreditation of assessors, without the concerns raised by the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Grains Research and Development Corporation, and Community and Public Sector Union being properly addressed.

1.4 Whilst the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) has committed to consulting with industry and other stakeholders, Labor is of the opinion that these consultations should be undertaken prior to the passing of the bill as whole.

1.5 Labor recommends that the Government remove the Part 5—Accreditation of assessors measure before full support for the bill can be provided.

1.6 If the Government refuses to amend its own bill, Labor will not support the bill as a whole.

Recommendation 1

1.7 The Australian Labor Party recommends that the Government remove the Part 5—Accreditation of Assessors measure.

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