

Detailed response to APVMA reviews implementation update: September 2025 to March 2026

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 In progress
 Next priority

Key highlights:

The department and the APVMA continue to implement reforms to address the recommendations since the release of the [Detailed response to the final report on future structure and governance arrangements for the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority](#) on 4 November 2024. Activities that have been implemented this reporting period include the publication of the APVMA's Regulatory Posture Statement 2026-30, while the department continues to prioritise work towards a sustainable funding model for the APVMA as a key enabling reform.

	Detailed response – area of focus	Status	Update
Improvement in policy and regulation	1.1 Regulatory best practice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry issued a new Ministerial Statement of Expectations in December 2025. The APVMA Board provided its Regulator Statement of Intent in February 2026 in response.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA published its Regulatory Posture Statement 2026–30 on 25 February 2026.
	1.2 Regulatory approaches across states and territories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agvet Chemicals Subcommittee (ACS) was established in February 2025. In March 2026, the Agriculture Senior Officials Committee agreed to extend the subcommittee and update its terms of reference.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACS to identify and report on priority agvet chemical control of use reform areas to progress.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	ACS to develop and report on consistent policy positions and implementation options for each priority reform area.
	1.3 Stakeholder engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA finalised its Stakeholder Engagement Model. This model was developed following a public consultation process and consideration of independent reviews, the findings of the 2024 Stakeholder Survey, and the engagement practices of comparable organisations.
	1.4 Efficiency of regulatory processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The department is leading policy analysis of prioritised reforms in preparation for consultation: appropriate risk-based regulation for emerging products and low risk products. Agricultural emissions inhibitors discussion paper will be released for public consultation in Q2 2026.
	1.5 Product labelling		Considering opportunities for reform, including through ACS.
	1.6 Assessment and application pathways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The department is leading policy analysis of prioritised reforms in preparation for consultation: enhancing the efficiency and transparency of chemical reconsideration; a cyclical registration model.
1.7 Product safety		Considering opportunities for reform, including through ACS.	
1.8 Other regulatory processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The department is leading policy analysis of prioritised reforms in preparation for consultation: consistency in the application of limits on use of information; exploring removing APVMA's mediation and arbitration provisions.	
Improvement in governance of the APVMA	2.1 Links with APS and other regulators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Reporting and Cooperation Framework was agreed by the department and the APVMA in 2025.
	2.2 Transparency of governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA Governance Framework was finalised in December 2024.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA Corporate Plan 2025-29 came into effect on 1 September 2025.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA Strategic Plan 2025-30 was published on 29 August 2025.
2.3 Purpose of system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACS considering national consistency matters.	
Improvement in APVMA operations	3.1 People and culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan was finalised in December 2024.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The APVMA's People Plan was endorsed by the Board in August 2025.
	3.2 Financial management and procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The 2025-26 CRIS came into effect on 1 October 2025.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Progressing cost analysis and review of APVMA's funding model.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultation on new funding arrangements.