





## FUTURE OUTLOOK

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The coming year is likely to be characterised by a consolidation of programs and reforms introduced in 2004–05, initiatives to strengthen performance in some operational areas, and continued endeavours to assist reform of the broad pesticides and veterinary medicines regulatory framework. We will do this in further pursuit of the three overriding strategic themes of building stakeholder confidence, operational excellence and informing policy.

It will see the APVMA focusing on further improving its efficiency and its effectiveness as a regulator in protecting health, the environment and trade. It will do this while bedding down the new application categories, requirements and systems associated with the new fees structure and implementing the new data protection requirements for both new applications and existing chemical reviews.

Senator Richard Colbeck, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, approved the APVMA's Operational Plan for 2005–06 in June 2005. The plan, developed for the second time using Balanced Scorecard Methodology, reflected input from our stakeholders and is publicly available. As the APVMA strives to deliver its key objectives for the regulation of pesticides and veterinary medicines, the plan has identified within it a number of priorities. These include:

- further enhancing the transparency of APVMA operations
  - changes to the registration and finance systems to ensure efficient implementation of the revised cost-recovery framework
  - refining registration processes to improve efficiency and effectiveness, including greater progress with low regulatory requirement products
  - minor use reform
  - fully implementing the data protection legislation, including anticipated changes for chemical review data
  - further initiatives to enhance regulatory science quality within the APVMA and its advisory agencies
  - building on recent advances with MOUs with international regulators, and working in forums such as OECD and VICH, to increase work sharing and mutual acceptance of evaluations
  - strengthening and enhancing visibility of compliance activities
- continuing initiatives to enhance ongoing quality of pesticides and veterinary medicines, including full implementation of the AgQA program and the revised Code of GMP for veterinary manufacturers
  - progressing reforms with MRL setting, including timely streamlining of processes with FSANZ and aligning with the JECFA approach for veterinary residues
  - completing key projects on specific registration issues, including spray drift, labelling and communication of trade risk advice
  - enhancing both the *Vet* and *Ag* AERPs through increased awareness and implementing on-line submission facilities
  - informing and assisting broad policy considerations in key areas, including follow-up to the Chemicals and Plastics Leadership Group report, the Uhrig report, security-related initiatives and the Globally Harmonised System for Classification and Labelling.