

National Working Party on Pesticide Applications

Minutes

Friday 23 March 2015

Federal Golf Club
Gowrie Drive, Red Hill, ACT

Attendance:

A list of those attending the meeting is attached. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations given by the speakers will be available on the NWPPA website (www.nwppa.net.au).

1. Opening

The Chair welcomed delegates to the sixth annual meeting of the National Working Party on Pesticide Applications.

2. APVMA Spray Drift Policy

Mr Alan Norden and Dr Gary Dorr (APVMA) outlined the proposed APVMA's Spray Drift Policy and encouraged organisations to provide input into the consultation process. They answered questions from the floor.

3. Technical Working Group

Mr Nicholas Woods provided an update on the work of the NWPPA Technical Working Group and its relevance to the APVMA Consultation Paper. He highlighted the on-going collaborate nature of the work of the TWG. The TWG have been working closely over the past few weeks reviewing the APVMA's proposed method for modelling the spray drift from boom sprayers. The TWG will prepare a written submission to the APVMA outlining results from the technical assessment.

4. An Industry Perspective

Mr Dave Rumbold, (Nufarm), provided an industry view on the APVMA's proposed spray drift policy.

5. A view from the Cotton Industry

Dr Nicola Cottee (Cotton Australia) and Ms Susan Maas (Cotton Research and Development Corporation) provided an update on how the Cotton industry was managing spray drift issues.

6. What's happening Internationally

Dr Andrew Hewitt (UQ) provided an update on what is happening internationally and how the work of the NWPPA is influencing other jurisdictions.

7. The Future

Dr Ken Young (GRDC) chaired the final session on the future of the NWPPA, highlighting the achievements to date and indicating there is still further work to be done, particularly in relation to stewardship. Following discussion, it was agreed that the following be added to the NWPPA's terms of reference:

- Provide leadership, investment and coordination in the adoption, stewardship and education of spraying practice to avoid spray drift.

- Provide leadership in the implementation of automation of spraying (including UAVS) into Australian agriculture and integration into the national regulation system.

8. Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Attendees:

Gavan Cattanach	Chair
Katie Aspin	CropLife
Kent Andrew	Biosecurity SA
Kevin Bodnaruk	Horticultural Industries
Peter Boughton	Australian Groundsprayers Association
Nick Bryant	Grain Growers
Todd Cannon	NSW DPI
David Carr	Silvan Australia
Emilia Cieslak	Dow Du Pont
Nicola Cottee	Cotton Australia
Peter Cousins	Grain Producers Australia
Eddie Davis	Spray Contractor
Gary Dorr	APVMA
Rod Edmondson	APVMA
Steve Field	
Melanie Gengos	Adama
Ross Gillies	HVP Plantations
Robert Hardie	NSW Farmers Association
Keith Hayes	Wine Australia
Andrew Hewitt	University of Queensland
Brian Halse	ChemCert
Phil Hurst	AAAA
Farzad Jahromi	Department of Environment
Alastair James	CropLife Australia
Chris Lee-Steere	AEAPL
Susan Maas	Cotton Research and Development Corporation
Alan Norden	APVMA
Chris O'Donnell	University of Queensland
Kevin Patterson	Syngenta
Jodie Pedrana	Horticulture Innovation Australia
Geoff Perkins	Bayer
Rohan Rainbow	Grain Producers Australia
Dave Rumbold	Nufarm
Robyn Troidahl	NSW DPI
Donald Ward	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
Natasha Wood	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
Nicholas Woods	Plant Health Australia
Ken Young	Grains RDC

Apologies:

Matt Kealley	Canegrowers
Trevor Ranford	Pistacho Growers Association

Joe Murrell
Jolyon Burnett

Australian Groundsprayers Association
Australian Macadamia Society