



# QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

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## Submission

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Mr David Hatfield  
Director - Adjudication Branch  
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
GPO Box 3131  
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Via email: [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au)

Dear Mr Hatfield

### Re: AgStewardship Australia Ltd application for re-authorisation AA1000429 – draft determination

The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) is the united voice of intensive agriculture in Queensland. It is a federation that represents the interests of peak state and national agriculture industry organisations, which in turn collectively represent more than 13,000 primary producers across the state. QFF engages in a broad range of economic, social, environmental and regional issues of strategic importance to the productivity, sustainability and growth of the agricultural sector. QFF's mission is to secure a strong and sustainable future for Queensland farmers by representing the common interests of our member organisations:

- CANEGROWERS
- Cotton Australia
- Growcom
- Nursery & Garden Industry Queensland (NGIQ)
- Queensland Chicken Growers Association (QCGA)
- Queensland Dairyfarmers' Organisation (QDO)
- Australian Cane Farmers Association (ACFA)
- Flower Association
- Pork Queensland Inc.
- Queensland United Egg Producers (QUEP)
- Bundaberg Regional Irrigators Group (BRIG)
- Burdekin River Irrigation Area Irrigators Ltd (BRIA)
- Central Downs Irrigators Ltd (CDIL)
- Pioneer Valley Water Cooperative Ltd (PV Water)
- Queensland Chicken Meat Council (QCMC)

QFF welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the AgStewardship Australia Limited application for re-authorisation AA1000429 – (draft determination, dated 9 November 2018). QFF provides this submission without prejudice to any additional submission provided by our members or individual farmers.

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QFF notes that the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation to enable AgStewardship to continue to administer and collect a levy on the sale of agricultural and veterinary chemicals by participating manufacturers to fund the operation of the drumMUSTER® and ChemClear® programs.

The ACCC has authorised a levy of four (4) cents per litre/kilogram since 1998 and has provisionally approved in the draft determination AgStewardship's request to increase the levy to six (6) cents per litre/kilogram. QFF understands that AgStewardship has not sought any other changes to the levy or programs.

QFF supports the re-authorisation of these stewardship programs, which have set the global benchmark in industry stewardship programs, including increasing the levy from four (4) to six (6) cents per litre/kilogram to ensure their ongoing sustainability.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Travis Tobin', written in a cursive style.

Travis Tobin  
Chief Executive Officer