



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Heritage

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Dear Mr Gregson

**Re: Application for revocation of authorisation and substitution by Replacement authorisation lodged by Agsafe Ltd**

Thank you for your letter on 31 March 2005 about the application from Agsafe seeking to revoke the authorisation of the drumMUSTER program and to substitute it with the Industry Waste Reduction Scheme (IWRS).

The Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) supports the amalgamation of drumMUSTER and ChemClear to establish the IWRS. Both programs are important and effective industry product stewardship initiatives that aim to provide the community with a service, which safely disposes of unwanted registered agricultural and veterinary chemicals and their empty containers.

The amalgamation of the two programs will reduce the administrative burden placed on Agsafe to manage these programs, and allow for resources to be directed to other areas such as ensuring the programs are working well on the ground. The amalgamation would also reduce the cost imposed to the community, as the additional cost on the price of the chemicals under the ChemClear program will be removed.

DEH welcomes the formation of the IWRS Advisory Committee, and notes that meetings of the two programs will be held separately to avoid confusion on specific program issues.

I trust this information is of assistance to you in reviewing the Agsafe submission.

Yours sincerely

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