

Growing the Business of Farming



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Dear Dr Chadwick

Re: Agsafe Limited Application for Revocation and Substitution of Authorisations - Interim Authorisation

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2010 seeking consultation with interested parties in relation to the application by Agsafe Limited ('Agsafe') to substitute its current authorisations, due to expire on 29 June 2010, with new authorisations that would allow it to continue to enforce the Agsafe Code of Conduct for a further three years.

NSW Farmers' Association (the 'Association') has no objections to the request by Agsafe for interim authorisation to continue to enforce the Agsafe Code of Conduct until the ACCC makes a final decision on whether to grant Agsafe's application for revocation and substitution.

The Association supports programs that aid in the safe handling, distribution, transport and storage of agricultural and veterinary chemicals. In particular, the Agsafe Accreditation and Training Program provides benefit to farmers through assisting them to meet their own industry Quality Assurance requirements. Agsafe ensures that there are appropriately accredited stores and trained personnel through which farmers can purchase their farm chemicals which in turn provides a pathway for farmers to meet industry Quality Assurance requirements.

The Association will be providing a more detailed submission to Agsafe's application for authorisation by the 21 June 2010 deadline.

Yours sincerely

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Shaughn Morgan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE