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Dear Dr Chadwick

## AGSAFE LIMITED APPLICATION FOR REVOCATION & SUBSTITUTION OF AUTHORISATIONS

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 June 2010 in which you invited CFA to comment upon the application by Agsafe to continue for a further three years administering the Agsafe Accreditation & Training Program for agricultural and veterinary chemical handling and storage (the Program).

In so far as CFA is involved in assisting businesses in the country area of Victoria adequately manage their dangerous goods, CFA has an interest in the sale, transport and storage of dangerous goods.

CFA will no doubt assist some businesses in managing their dangerous goods. It is also conceivable that advice may be sought from CFA from time to time following enquiries made under this Program. We assume these activities will complement the measures in place under the Program. However, it is not apparent that CFA will be affected as either a dangerous goods regulator or an emergency response agency by the operation of the Agsafe Program.

Accordingly, it is not appropriate for CFA to comment upon the merits of the application before ACCC. We do not intend to attend or make any written or public submissions prior to a final determination by ACCC on Agsafe's application.

Yours sincerely

Mick Bourke

**Chief Executive Officer** 

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