

## **Proposal P1027**

# **Managing Low-Level Ag & Vet Chemicals without Maximum Residue Limits**

### **Consultation Paper**

NSW supports the approach proposed in the paper, that being to establish MRLs for *all other foods* for specific chemicals underpinned by a risk assessment.

NSW has no specific information or data on the costs associated with the proposed approach.

NSW envisages that the proposed approach will be beneficial to both government and industry. Currently, all detects where a MRL does not exist requires further effort by government and industry to determine the likely risk and/or source. An *all other foods* MRL will decrease this effort, removing the necessity to follow-up on those results that do not present a food safety risk.

Given the number of chemicals listed in Standard 1.4.2, the process of establishing an *all other food* MRL will take time. While a priority list will assist, FSANZ should consider other strategies. As known, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) periodically undertake reviews of different chemicals. Generally, these reviews includes a dietary exposure assessment and FSANZ could consider conducting an *all other foods* assessment at the same time.

## **ENDS**

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