

## AMA WELCOMES ANTIMICROBIAL FUNDING

**The \$5.9 million is an important start in supporting informed decisions about the management of disease in Australia**

Animal Medicines Australia (AMA) welcomes the Government's announcement of \$5.9 million in funding as part of its National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Strategy.

The Animal Medicines industry is committed to ensuring that it makes its contribution to healthier pets, livestock and a healthier community by ensuring that antimicrobials are used judiciously and responsibly.

This includes industry meeting its commitments as identified under the National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy. AMA supports a 'One Health' approach where human and animal health and welfare work together to meet the challenges posed by antimicrobial resistance.

"'One Health' recognises that human and animal health are interdependent and stakeholders must collaborate if objectives, including addressing AMR risks, are to be achieved" Mr Stapley said.

In Australia, one of the key barriers to effective policy and decision making is a lack of independent, verifiable and quality data on animal pathogens and zoonotic bacteria causing infections in animals.

"AMA is seeking Government support for an AMR surveillance program in animals. This is an essential component necessary to support informed policy and decision making regarding AMR risk and appropriate responses in Australia," Mr Stapley said.

"The Animal Medicines industry is critical to supporting the health and welfare of our livestock and our pets. We look forward to working with the Government to support appropriate responses to AMR that reflect all aspects of antimicrobial use in Australia," said Mr Stapley.

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[Animal Medicines Australia](#) is the peak body that represents the leaders of the animal health industry in Australia. Our member companies are responsible for a range of veterinary medicine products that prevent, control and cure disease across the companion animal and livestock sectors.