

## AMA CONGRATULATES THE NEW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

AMA congratulates Minister David Littleproud on his appointment as Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources.

The Minister's appointment comes at a critical time for the relocation of the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicine Authority's (APVMA) as it prepares to relocate from Canberra to Armidale.

"AMA and our members rely on a predictable, rigorous and transparent regulatory scheme for veterinary medicines and animal health products," said AMA's Executive Director, Mr Ben Stapley. "This is essential to maintain our member's confidence to continue to invest, innovate and register new animal health products for Australia's livestock industries."

"Given the economic importance of cattle and sheep industries in the Minister's electorate of Maranoa, he would be well apprised of the important role that animal health products and veterinary medicines play in supporting sustainable, productive and profitable farming systems," said Mr Stapley.

"Maintaining and protecting animal health is not only good for livestock businesses but is critical to the global 'One Health' approach that recognizes that human, animal and environmental health are intrinsically linked," said Mr Stapley. "AMA and its members are working proactively on this front and we look forward to continuing to work with the Government to support animal health."

AMA would also like to thank the previous Minister, Hon Barnaby Joyce MP for his work in the role.

"We look forward to working with Minister Littleproud to support and maintain the important role that animal health products and veterinary medicines play in both agriculture, and in protecting the health and welfare of our pets," 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.

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