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Priorities for animal and plant health in New Zealand

- » Support innovation to provide newer, softer and more targeted products for managing pests, weeds and diseases.
- » Stop unnecessary delays in registering innovative agrichemicals and animal medicines.



All NZers can access healthy food, at an affordable price



Allow NZ farmers and growers to be competitive



Protect NZ from biosecurity threats

**\$24B
Value**

Without pest control products, NZ would lose up to \$24 billion in export earnings



The future availability of new biological, biopesticides, greener synthetic pesticides and veterinary medicines to control damaging pests and diseases is at risk.

Access to innovative solutions

- » The regulatory process for registering new agrichemicals and animal medicines has become more challenging in recent years.
- » As producers of safe and healthy food, which is competitive on the global stage, farmers and growers must be able to access the latest innovative technologies for controlling damaging pests and diseases.

Allow access to:



Healthy food

Food security relies on pest control products.

People depend on the availability of safe, healthy and fresh food.



Innovative technologies for farmers

Farmers and growers are facing lengthy regulatory delays in accessing new products.



A competitive market

Greener and safer products are bypassing the New Zealand market as global companies focus on countries with regulatory regimes more supportive of innovation, such as Australia.

Animal and plant health must be at the heart of sustainable agricultural policy

We call on the Government to:



Reduce delays

- Engage with industry to develop long-term solutions to regulatory delays.
- Ensure future availability of innovative chemistry for farming.



Encourage innovation

- increase investment in research and development to support food production.
- Embrace genetic technology and update the restrictive HSNO Act.



Establish a faster registration process for products to manage biosecurity threats such as the Fall armyworm

- NZ needs tools to respond to biosecurity risks.



Healthy crops and animals benefit people and the environment



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