



CLEARING THE REGULATORY RUNWAY FOR ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH PRODUCTS

JULY 2025			SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM
BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE			CURRENT TARGETS		LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
<p>Blitz the applications and risks that matter most</p> <p>Specialist taskforce to focus on applications and risks that matter most - products with new active ingredients and new label uses</p> <p>ACVM A1/2 & C4-8 applications</p> <p>EPA Category C applications, Category B applications</p>	<p>Use available tools to shrink the queue and clear lower risk applications</p> <p>Implement international harmonisation and trusted regulator data to minimise lower priority / risk applications in the queue</p> <p>ACVM Self-assessable changes</p> <p>EPA Containment approvals and wider processes</p>	<p>Meaningful engagement for rapid results</p> <p>Progress industry proposed solutions to implement review report recommendations</p> <p>Improved communication from regulators on application progress and timeframes (from date lodged to date decided)</p>	<p>ACVM Group NZ Food Safety, MPI (ACVM)</p> <p>20% queue reduction by 30 June 2025, and a further 30% queue reduction by 30 June 2026</p> <p>Environment Protection Authority (EPA)</p> <p>Reduce queue for hazardous substance applications to 60 by 30 June 2026</p> <p>Increase number of new active ingredients and higher complexity assessments, completing 9 of these by 30 June 2026</p>	<p>Omnibus Bill</p> <p>Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act (ACVM)</p> <p>Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO)</p> <p>ACVM modernisation</p>	
RESULT	RESULT	RESULT	RESULT	RESULT	
Farmers, growers, veterinarians gain access to new products to fight pests and manage diseases	Applicants report a better application process and processing times	Trust and confidence between applicants and regulators	Sharpen targets and manage queue to meet statutory timeframes (from lodgement date to decision date)	Fit-for-purpose legislation that enables timely access to products to achieve good health, environmental, and economic outcomes	

Note: Current targets set by Ministers but industry is calling for more ambitious and specific targets

OUTCOME | Improved proportionality, efficiency, transparency and certainty of the approval path