



APVMA – Digital Transformation

A digital strategy for the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) will help modernise the APVMA and support its future operating model in Armidale, New South Wales.

The aim of the strategy is to provide the APVMA with a modern ICT environment, through the Enabling Technology Program. This program supports its operational requirements and provides industry with a simplified, best practice regulatory system.

The initial focus will include stabilising the APVMA's platforms and streamlining its digital environment, digitising information and preparing the agency for e-work.

Why is this important?

Modernising the APVMA's ICT operating environment supports the government's objective to establish a world class regulator in regional Australia.

This will be achieved by:

- Migrating the APVMA's digital systems to a secure, cloud-based model, which will help stabilise its operating environment and improve how the regulator manages its business.
- Digitising the APVMA's records, which will enhance the agency's research and analysis capabilities.
- Developing an end-to-end service for APVMA clients and staff, which will help drive performance and enable the agency to make evidence-based decisions in a more efficient way.

Who will benefit?

Modernising the APVMA's ICT will improve its operational efficiency and reduce regulatory burden for industry. It will deliver a client-focused operating environment, which will drive efficiency and promote regulatory best practice in the approval of pesticides and veterinary medicines.

For industry, a simplified, best practice regulatory system will help reduce the time taken to get products to market, improve transparency across the registration process and deliver efficient, predictable and transparent assessments. This will help Australian farmers get faster access to safer and more effective agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

The digital strategy will also help support the APVMA's relocation, deliver its future operating model and allow it to become a Centre of Agricultural Excellence in Armidale. Relocation will attract technical and scientific experts to build their careers in regional Australia; increase the diversity and resilience of the Armidale region's economy; and enable stronger collaboration with farmers to drive innovation and productivity growth.

What will this cost?