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Hello s 47F(1) and s 47F(1)

As noted in the debrief session this morning, please find attached our comments in response to the UN Special Rapporteur's initial findings. If you could pass these onto the Special Rapporteur that would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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**Importance:** High

Dear Colleagues,

We are now coordinating the logistics for the visit of the Special Rapporteur on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, and organising the thematic round tables.

Please find attached a draft agenda of the main topics that the Special Rapporteur wants to cover on the day, and the structure of the round tables.

It is the Special Rapporteur's expectation that the listed agencies will be represented at the relevant round tables.

Could you please nominate who will be attending from your agency by **COB Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The nominated person will need to attend the pre-brief session on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am**, where we will run through the last details and any last-minute points raised by the Special Rapporteur, and be present at the relevant round table on the **28<sup>th</sup> August**. The meetings will take place at the John Gorton Building.

I will be sending the calendar invitations to the agency representatives on Tuesday morning.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let me know.

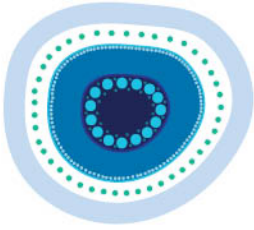
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached a copy of the National Pack that we sent last week to the Special Rapporteur and presented to the UN Senior Officer of the High Commission for Human Rights who will be coming with him. There are three additional attachments which correspond to large inputs that were not able to fit within the document, so we added them as appendices.

Due to the large size of the pack, some information was not included due its peripheral connection to the topics in the Aide Memoire, but we appreciate the input and can provide it to him at an appropriate point.

I want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to this pack. We recognise that his has been a very big coordination task. I appreciate your engagement, taking the time for the multiple meetings and collating the required information. The UN Senior Officer was incredibly grateful and impressed with the information provided and commented that this sets a benchmark for other countries. We hope you will also find this document a valuable resource in the future.

#### Next steps:

The Special Rapporteur and the Senior Officer will be reviewing the content of the pack and identifying areas they wish to dive into in more detail during the meetings on the 28<sup>th</sup> August. At this stage, they have identified four major themes for the roundtables discussions:

- 1- Waste management and PFAS

- 2- Agrichemicals
- 3- Asbestos and silica
- 4- Extractive industries.

We are working on the agenda for the 28<sup>t</sup>, and we will keep you updated on the details for the roundtable discussions.

Last week the Special Rapporteur completed a visit to South Africa and has released his press statement from this visit, which may give you a sense of what we might expect at the end of his visit to Australia:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/08/south-africa-must-tackle-crude-legacy-environmental-racism-and-toxic>.

Thank you once again for all your collaboration. This pack could not have been possible without your support in this process.

If you have any questions, as always, feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

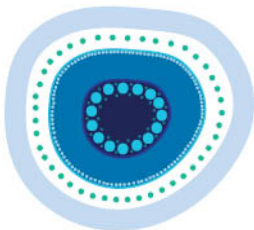
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Draft agenda for the meetings on the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

<b>Estimated Times</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Guests/ Departments</b>
8:00- 8:15	<i>Security, sign-in etc</i>	<i>Environment to welcome and sign-in</i>
8:15 to 8:30	Protocol meeting:	DFAT <b>Ambassador for Human Rights</b>
8:30 to 9:00	AUKUS and Nuclear Weapons Treaty	DFAT Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet Department of Defence DCCEEW
9:00 to 9:50	NSW virtual meeting	Topics: Mines (particularly coal) Environment Agrichemicals
10:00 to 10:50	South Australia virtual meeting and morning tea	Topics: -Mines (particularly uranium) -Legacy of nuclear testing -ARWA - ARPANSA -Agrichemicals
<b>11:00- 11:20</b>	<b>Official welcome</b>	<b>Secretary- David Fredericks</b> <b>Deputy Secretary- Dean Knudson</b>
11:25 to 12:35	Commonwealth round table 1 <b>Extractive industries</b>	-DCCEEW -NOPSEMA - DISR -ARWA - ARPANSA <i>-Dial-in Northern Territory mines</i>
12:35- 1:45	Commonwealth round table 2 <b>Waste and PFAS</b>  <b>LUNCH</b>	-DCCEEW -Department of Defence - Department of Health -DISR -Treasury
1:45- 2:30	Commonwealth round table 3 <b>Agrichemicals</b>	-DAFF -APVMA - Department of Health - DCCEEW -GBRMPA <i>Dial in Queensland- Agrichemicals</i>
2:30 to 3:15	Commonwealth round table 4 <b>Asbestos and silica</b>	-ASEA -DEWR - SWA - Department of Health
3:15 to 4:00	Afternoon tea and final discussions	

*There is flexibility on the times to allow adequate time for each discussion.*

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Yes, the statutory criteria remain the same; however if, for example, the product in question is not intended for supply for use in Australia, our satisfaction of most of the statutory criteria is based on this premise and the permit carries conditions that limit supply and possession accordingly. We would not conduct a detailed human safety or environmental assessment, relying instead on packaging requirements as conditions on the permit. Similarly,

I am not convinced that including this level of detail in our follow-up would reduce confusion but I'm happy to be convinced otherwise.

Cheers

Maria

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Hi Maria,

I think this looks fine. It may be worth highlighting that permits, and particular for export permits, that the criteria for safety, efficacy and trade remain the same.

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Hi All

I've gone through my notes from the meeting with the Special rapporteur and I believe the following captures the follow-up we committed to as well as a couple of additional points of potential interest. Please let me know before 4 PM today if you have any concerns, otherwise I will send it over to s. 47F(1) before COB.

### Dimethoate Proposed Suspension:

During the meeting we mentioned that the APVMA has recently proposed to suspend specific products containing dimethoate and associated label approvals due to unacceptable levels of dimethoate residues following use as a post-harvest dip on tropical and subtropical fruit with inedible peel. More information on that regulatory action is [available here](#). The APVMA is currently considering submissions received in response to the public consultation and expects to publish a final decision in the coming weeks.

### Public Consultations:

We conduct consultations on a number of different activities, including proposals to register a new agricultural or veterinary product containing a new active constituent; proposals to approve a new active constituent; proposed changes to the use of a registered product; proposed chemical review decisions; maximum residue limits (MRLs); changes to business processes; changes to standards or guidelines; and cost recovery arrangements.

Prior to registering a new product containing a new active constituent, the APVMA seeks input from interested stakeholders. We do this through the publication of a notice on our [website here](#) and in the [APVMA Gazette](#). (A list of all [completed and closed consultations](#) is available here). If the proposed new product containing the new active is intended for use on food, animals or crops we will also publish a Public Release Summary that includes an overview of our risk assessments and the data underpinning the proposed decision. A list of all current and closed public release summaries is [available here](#).

### Uses in conjunction with children's play areas:

The APVMA assesses the risks associated with all potential routes of exposure (occupational, public, domestic) that might result from the use of a proposed product. The specific risk scenarios assessed are based on the proposed use pattern (i.e., the uses on the product label). Any products intended for application to children's play areas and domestic scenarios consider practicality and potential noncompliance as well as potential impacts on sensitive individuals (including children and toddlers). More details on our approach to exposure assessment are [available here](#). A comprehensive example of a completed exposure assessment can be found in the APVMA's [technical review report for 2,4-D](#).

### Export Permits:

The APVMA issues [export permits](#) to legalise the possession of an unregistered product or unapproved active constituent for the purposes of export to other countries, or where Australia will be used as a distribution point for products or active constituents manufactured elsewhere in the world. Export permits are typically issued to manufacturers, registrants and distributors. Export permits do not allow supply for the purpose of use within Australia.

### Export Certificates:

Before accepting exports of a chemical product or active constituent from Australia, many countries require an assurance from the government authority responsible for regulating that product or active in Australia. The APVMA issues [certificates of export](#) detailing the relevant details of registered products and/or approved active

constituents. There are a number of different types of certificates that may be issued and [more details are available on our website](#).

### Import Consent:

Section 69B of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992* prevents the importation of unregistered agricultural or veterinary chemicals or unapproved active constituents. [Import Consents](#) are issued to allow importation in limited circumstances where it would otherwise be an offence under this law.

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**Subject:** UN Special Rapporteur visit [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello everyone,

We want to say a big thank you for your participation and engagement with the Special Rapporteur yesterday. The level of thoughtful and engaging discussion was greatly appreciated by the Special Rapporteur and the Officer from the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Thank you once again for your support in this process, contributing to the National Pack and attending the different sessions.

As a next step, could I please ask all agencies that took any questions on notice to send me the information or relevant documents by **COB Wednesday**? We will compile all the information and send it to the Special Rapporteur. I will be sending an invitation for the de-brief session on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in the next few days.

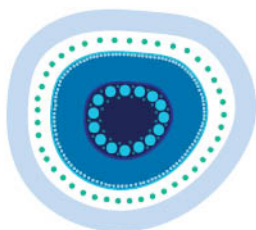
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**When:** Thursday, 20 July 2023 11:00 AM-11:30 AM (UTC+10:00) Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney.  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Hi Julie and AgVet Policy team,

Invitation to discuss our preparation for the upcoming visit of the UN Special Rapporteur to Australia.

If you could please share with who else you think should join in.

Kind regards **s 47F(1)**

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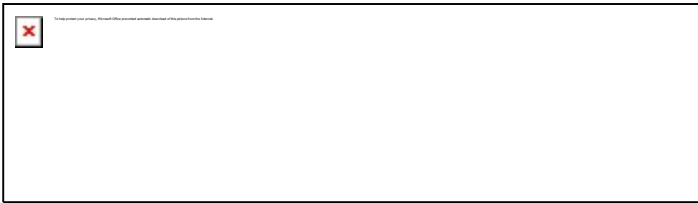
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**Cc:** MCEWEN, Melissa; Gaglia, Julie; LOGAN, Sheila  
**Subject:** RE: AUS CV EoM DRAFT TCs 07 SEP 2023 20pm DAFF [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Unfortunately, there was not time for APVMA to provide our comments during the meeting; however, we have identified one significant error in the report that needs to be corrected. Could you please include the following commentary in the combined DAFF/APVMA response?

*We believe that the example that the Special Rapporteur provided related to 2,4-D use in the Kimberley region in the 1970s and 1980s is factually incorrect. Rather, it is likely that the product used at the time was a mix of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, colloquially known as "Agent Orange" or "TCDD". Unfortunately, 2,4,5-T was contaminated with dioxins produced during the manufacturing process and the adverse health effects that have been associated with the use of this product have been linked specifically to those dioxins and not, as incorrectly stated in the report, to the use of 2,4-D. If it is helpful, the Special Rapporteur may be interested in this very brief overview provided by the Special Broadcasting Service: <https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/article/untold-terror-of-agent-orange-legacy-comes-to-light-in-new-compo-case/c9rc9tanv>*

*2,4,5-T was withdrawn from use in Australia during the 1980s. A period of time that predated the establishment of the National Registration Scheme. At that time, state and territory governments were each responsible for regulating pesticide use in their respective jurisdictions.*

Cheers

Maria

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**Subject:** AUS CV EoM DRAFT TCs 07 SEP 2023 20pm DAFF [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello all,

My comments are attached. As we are limited to factual comments we can perhaps not assert our position as strongly as we might desire at this time. As such the comments are narrow in their focus but hopefully will be successful because of that.

It is clear that an overt weighting to civil society has occurred, and this draft signals where the final report will go in a particular hazard focussed direction.

If we could have comments back mid afternoon <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> and I will consolidate

Regards

<sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

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**Cc:** Gaglia, Julie; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Comments on UN Special Rapporteur initial findings, for review\* [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

I appreciate you integrating our feedback into the document and am happy with the content of the combined feedback overall. I have no further comments and am happy for these remarks to be forwarded to the Special Rapporteur for consideration.

Thanks also to the AgVet Policy team for the collaborative approach on preparing for, and responding to, the Special Rapporteur's visit. It's been a great team effort and I'm grateful to you all for your assistance, particularly since I was on leave for much of the lead-up period.

Cheers

Maria

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**Subject:** Comments on UN Special Rapporteur initial findings, for review\* [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello Melissa and Maria,

We have collated our comments with those provided by Maria regarding the UN Special Rapporteur's initial findings. Please let me know if there are any problems with the comments in the attached, if not I will provide to the UN Special Rapporteur and his team. Noting the already compressed timeframes for comment combined with delays in having those provided to us, if you are able to review the attached as soon as is practical it would be much

appreciated.

I note that some, but not all, of the comments were expressed at the de-brief this morning. The Special Rapporteur will be finalising his report for release in 2024 and we will have another opportunity to provide feedback ahead of that.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(i)

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**Subject:** RE: DAFF input to the UN Special Rapporteur briefing [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s 47F(1)

When the package is finalised below are the email addresses for other areas that had contributed from DAFF/APVMA:

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If you are able to circulate the package to them also that would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: DAFF input to the UN Special Rapporteur briefing [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you so much for all your help and coordinating all the input!  
 We will be collating all the info this week. Once the package is done and we have sent it to the Special Rapporteur we will be circulating it to all the agencies that contributed to it 🙌. 😊

Have a great day,

s 47F(1)

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**Subject:** DAFF input to the UN Special Rapporteur briefing [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello s 47F(1) and s 47F(1)

Please find attached our input we pulled together collaboratively with the APVMA for the UN Special Rapporteur's visit. I have also attached input provided by DAFF's International Soil Policy lead.

I had contacted a few other teams that I thought might be pertinent to the task who had advised me they would take a look and get back to me if they believed they had relevant to contribute. I have not heard back from those areas within the timeframe. However, if I do receive anything further in the near future I will pass that on as well.

Would it be possible to get a copy of the package that is provided to the UN Special Rapporteur once it is finalised?

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

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**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for getting back to me, I appreciate the quick response.

We'll keep working with DCCEEW.

Kind regards,

s. 47F(1)

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**Subject:** RE: Special Rapporteur for Toxics and Human Rights: Visit to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Hello s 47F(1)

Thank you for reaching out. Despite being the agricultural chemicals area within DAFF, our remit does not actually capture fertilisers or their precursors s 22(1)(a)(ii)

. Although there are some biosecurity functions DAFF has for imported products, regulation of fertilisers from an agricultural perspective is primarily carried out by state and territory governments.

I understand you've already discussed this matter with contacts in DCCEEW. That said, as far as I am aware DCCEEW would be your best contact within the Commonwealth Government considering their work in relation to environmental pollution and domestic fertiliser use.

Sorry I couldn't be of more help,

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Subject: Special Rapporteur for Toxics and Human Rights: Visit to Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Good afternoon s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hope this email finds you well. I work in DFAT's Levant section; where among other countries, we cover Lebanon.

As you're probably aware, the Special Rapporteur for Toxics and Human Rights, Dr Marcos Orellana, is due to visit Australia in late August (I understand DCCEEW is responsible for this visit, but your team may be in the process of providing input). s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Orellana's presence in Australia is a chance to discuss what he can do under his mandate to 'provide details, up-to-date information on the adverse consequences for the full enjoyment of human rights of managing and disposing of hazardous substances and wastes, in an unlawful manner.'

We have had some contact with DCCEEW about this, and understand that Agriculture has some equities in this space. It would be great to have a chat about this issue this week to gain some more background from your perspective.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

speaking via Signal/WhatsApp or happy to set up a Microsoft Teams meeting.

I can

Look forward to chatting with you.

Kind regards,

s. 47F(1)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I'm not sure what happened, because the meeting has not been cancelled and it's still happening at 9am. I have re-sent it to you and s. 22(1)(a)(ii) anyway. Please find also attached the Press Release that we received at 1am, in case you want to prepare a statement.

See you soon,  
s. 47F(1)

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Thanks s. 47F(1)

Sorry this may be a silly question but which invitation was that? Is that the debrief session, because I received a message cancelling that meeting. If there's still a debrief session this morning could you please re-forward that to myself.

Thanks,  
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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Yes, we received it last night as per my email, and I attached it to the invitation. We had to provide comments between 8pm and 9:15pm.  
We provided a couple of factual comments and have not received the final version yet, which we will get during the press release.

See you soon,  
s. 47F(1)

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**Subject:** UN Special Rapporteur initial findings [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning s. 47F(1)

Am I right to assume we haven't received any content yet from the UN Special Rapporteur or his staff for a rapid fact-check regarding his initial findings for his press conference later today? I understood there was some talk about some content coming through for a compressed and high-level review, but there was some complications to be worked through with public holidays back in Europe.

Thanks,

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