
CropLife Australia welcomes the New Albanese Government Ministry and Opposition Leadership

Canberra, 13 May 2025: The national peak industry organisation for the plant science sector welcomes the swearing in of the new ministry for the Albanese Government's second term today. This includes the reappointment of the Hon Julie Collins to Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio and Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm as Assistant Minister.

CropLife Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Cossey said, "CropLife Australia and our member companies congratulate Minister Collins and Assistant Minister Chisholm on their reappointment to continue to ensure that Australia's agricultural policies support innovation, sustainability, and productivity."

"The future of Australian agriculture is critical to driving the Government's productivity agenda and to maintaining the food security necessary to continue to curb cost of living pressures.

"We look forward to working with Minister Collins as the Government advances its *Feeding Australia* strategy. Ensuring Australian farmers have access to the technologies that drive food production and adapt to climate change is vital to maintaining the nation's food security resilience," said Mr Cossey.

CropLife also welcomes the appointment of other Ministers in key portfolios for the plant science sector including:

- Senator the Hon Murray Watt as the Minister for Environment and Water
- Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, elevated to cabinet as the Minister for Industry and Innovation and the Minister for Science
- The Hon Kristy McBain as the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
- The Hon Rebecca White as Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, with responsibility for gene technology.

CropLife recognises the high-calibre and professionalism of the Ministers appointed into these important portfolios and looks forward to continuing to work with the government to achieve great outcomes for the nation with a more productive, profitable and sustainable farming sector.

Additionally, CropLife congratulates the Hon Sussan Ley MP on her election as Leader of the Liberal Party, and the Hon Ted O'Brien MP as the Deputy Leader, and the re-election of the Hon David Littleproud MP as the Leader of the Nationals, alongside the Hon Kevin Hogan MP as Deputy Leader and Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie as their leader in the Senate.

"CropLife is committed to working with all sides of Parliament to ensure Australian farmers have access to the latest innovations in plant science, key to maintaining a productive and sustainable agriculture sector and food security for all Australians," concluded Mr Cossey.

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia is the national peak industry organisation representing the plant science sector in Australia. CropLife's members are the world-leading innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and crop biotechnology products. The plant science industry, worth more than \$31.6 billion a year to Australian agricultural production, provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies key to the nation's agricultural productivity, profitability and sustainability. CropLife is a part of the plant science industry's 91 country international federation.

