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To whom it may concern,

RE: Australian Dairy Farmers submission to the evaluation of the new active constituent sometribove zinc in the product Elanco Posilac

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the evaluation of the new active constituent sometribove zinc in the product Elanco Posilac.

The Australian dairy industry is a \$13.7 billion farm manufacturing and export industry. Australia's 6,102 dairy farmers produce approximately 9.5 billion litres of milk a year.

More than 100,000 Australians rely on dairy for their livelihoods, including vets, scientists, mechanics, financial advisers and feed suppliers, while 38,000 Australians are directly employed on farms and in dairy processing. Approximately 98% of Australian dairy farms are family-owned businesses.

Our quality and safety processes are among the best in the world and Australian dairy makes a vital contribution to the national economy. With a farm gate value alone of \$4.3 billion, dairy enriches regional Australian communities across Australia.

We are the fourth largest exporter in the world, accounting for 6% of global trade. Around 65% of Australian dairy product is sold on the domestic market, with the remainder exported. Australian dairy exports go to more than 100 countries and are worth just under \$3 billion a year. More than 125 Australian companies export dairy products.

Major export markets include China, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

ADF is the national advocacy body representing dairy farmers across the six dairying states and our mission is to improve the profitability and sustainability of dairy farmers in Australia.

Australian dairy operates in an open and highly competitive international market, so continuous productivity gains are critical to competitiveness. Continuing development of innovation and its adoption is essential to a sustainable and profitable Australian dairy industry.

ADF therefore supports the adoption of new technologies if these technologies have been approved for use under Australia's rigorous regulatory regime.

Should you require any clarification of the comments contained herein, please contact Senior Policy Manager Adele Beasley on (03) 86214200.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Basham".

David Basham
President