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Submission on: **Streamlining the regulatory regime for pest control**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Agcarm welcomes the opportunity to comment on the discussion document 'Streamlining the regulatory regime for pest control'. As the peak industry association for crop protection and animal health manufacturers, Agcarm is supportive of simplifying the regulatory controls on vertebrate toxic agents (VTAs) through amendments to the Resource Management Act (RMA).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Agcarm supports the proposal that the Government progresses with using section 360(1)(h) of the Resource Management Act (RMA) to simplify the regulatory framework for VTAs in New Zealand.
- 2.2 Agcarm agrees with the scope of the proposal as outlined in Parts 1 and 2 of the discussion document. We are supportive of the benefits of the changes mooted in the proposal, specifically the need to reduce duplication within the current regulatory regime, and to enable consistency throughout New Zealand.

3. About Agcarm

Agcarm is the industry association for manufacturers and suppliers of crop protection and animal health products. For further information see www.agcarm.co.nz.

The products that our members produce protect public health, improve animal welfare and help environmental management. They:

- Play a pivotal role in growing high yield, sustainable food and fibre products;
- Help supply healthy, nutritional and affordable food;
- Keep New Zealand's agriculture, horticulture and forestry sectors internationally competitive.
- Our members are committed to safety, innovation and product stewardship.