



Media Release



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Plantation forestry the focus of APVMA visit

Plantation forestry will be the focus of an Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) tour in the South East and Western Victoria on Monday.

APVMA representatives Dr Jamie Nicholls and Dr Jay Kottege will spend time in the region as part of three day information tour of South Eastern Australia.

Their tour will include ForestrySA sites at Glencoe and Worrolong, a Timbercorp site at Digby, and HVP site at Rennick.

The tour will move to Tasmania on Tuesday and East Gippsland on Wednesday.

The APVMA is the peak Australian Government authority responsible for the assessment and registration of pesticides and veterinary medicines.

It is responsible for the independent evaluation of safety and performance of chemical products intended for sale, ensuring the health and safety of people, animals and the environment.

APVMA Program Manager, Pesticides, Dr Raj Bhula said she was pleased for her staff to have the opportunity to get out into the field with the forestry sector to gain a first hand understanding of industry practices and operational procedures.

“The purpose of the visit is to look at efficacy trials occurring in the field, which will be used as an input into the development of a forestry-specific guideline,” Dr Bhula said.

“Through this visit and related activities, we anticipate the establishment of an enhanced framework that will provide greater certainty for the forestry sector in gaining access to agricultural chemicals for forest applications.”

ForestrySA staff members have helped arrange the local leg of the tour, which aims to provide the APVMA with an insight into the plantation forestry industry and help formalise the research standards for data collection and presentation for use during the chemical registration process.

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Please note: An interview and photograph opportunity will be held on **Monday, August 25, at 2.15pm**, at Triangle Road, Worrolong (please see accompanying map).

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