

# CATTLE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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### **Biodiversity benefits:10-80 tool retained**

The Cattle Council of Australia has applauded the APVMA's (Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicine Authority) preliminary decision to continue allowing the use of 10-80. 10-80 is used in livestock industries to control a range of pest animal vertebrates. The National Regulator's review has concluded that, with proper labelling and use, the ongoing registration of 10-80 is appropriate.

CCA President Bill Bray said "The beef industry is very pleased that we look to continue to have access to this very important chemical. 10-80 is a vital tool for cattle producers who are trying to control a range of introduced pests and vermin."

The APVMA's review focussed on the environmental impacts of 10-80 (sodium fluoroacetate), which is a chemical synthesized from a naturally occurring compound found in native plant species. The review concluded that the ongoing use of 10-80 was an effective tool in biodiversity conservation.

"Nearly 48% of Australia's land mass is involved in cattle production, and cattle producers are proactive environmental stewards. 10-80 is used for the control of wild-dogs, cats, rabbits, foxes, wild pigs and other insidious vertebrate pests. It is a key tool in our ongoing battle to control these pest animals, which wreak such havoc on native ecosystems. Producers will be using 10-80 in the proper manner, and thus providing the community a great service in terms of natural resource management and feral animal control."

In many situations 10-80 may be the only economical control mechanism for these pests, and while producers continue to take an integrated pest management approach, shooting, trapping and other forms of control are sometimes prohibitively expensive or ineffective. In order to ensure that control programs are effective, producers will need to continue use of 10-80 until suitable replacement products are found.

"We also need to remember that on top of the impact on native biodiversity, many of these unwanted pest species harbour disease, have a significant social and economic cost, and in many circumstances present a welfare issue for domesticated animals"

"Clearly appropriate use of 10-80 has a clear benefit for cattle producers, the environment, and the wider community." Mr Bray concluded

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