

METHYL BROMIDE ACTION PLAN

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1. Clarification from EPA on the EDN approval process - Worksafe involvement.



Seek EPA clarification on definition of methyl bromide recapture.

Worksafe involved alongside EPA in EDN evaluation.

Requested clarification. Awaiting response from EPA.



2. Validation of Genera recapture technology.

Wider review of recapture technologies completed. Draft report with STIMBR. Independent field testing planned.



3. Formalise communication with EPA on their position on methyl bromide reassessment and process.

Discussions ongoing.



4. Prepare report on economic impact of enforcement of methyl bromide capture.

Assessing economic implications of full phase out by 2020 underway.



5. Prepare formal proposal for re-assessment of methyl bromide incorporating actions 2 and 4.

Not Progressed.



6. Complete independent assessment of disposal options for Genera scrubber effluent.

- Massey University confirmed that residue is biodegradable.
- Progress in processing residue to component chemicals for re-use.



7. Provide industry support to Genera to engage with TDC on completion of action 6

Follows completion of action 6.



8. Ensure industry support for Draslovka EDN application

EDN application lodged with EPA on 14 July 2017. Background information on EDN and importance prepared and to be circulated once application notified.



9. Evaluate pros and cons of NES or coordinated approach to environment court to assist with RMA consents.

Being addressing at meeting on 16th August 2017.



10. Supporting letter to MPI on in-market treatment on arrival if MPI unable to issue phytosanitary certificate.

Following Beijing technical meeting clear that no appetite in foreseeable future for in country treatment. Letter not sent.



11. Review and update industry debarking strategy.

Not started. New PGP proposal includes in-forest debarking.



12. Prepare methyl bromide briefing paper for industry use.

Completed and updated.



13. Arrange briefing with Biosecurity Minister Nathan Guy.

Scheduled for 17th August 2017.



14. Arrange briefing with Forests Minister Louise Upston.

Two briefings:

- FOA Executive Meeting 8 June 2017
- Industry briefing 8 August 2017



15. Brief other Ministers and MP's as opportunities arise.

- ENGO's/Unions/Green party attended 8 August 2017 meeting.
- Green party briefed.
- Labour party briefing 16 August.



16. Arrange wider industry briefing meeting.

Organised for 16th August 2017.