

**Comments from the Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services, and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.**

**Due date of submission – 26 February 2018**

The Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services, and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (the departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Proposal M1015 – Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) 2017.

It is understood that Proposal M1015 is a routine proposal prepared by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) to update the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to harmonise with international MRLs and to align with amendments made to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority MRL Standard.

The departments have considered the information provided by FSANZ, including risk assessments that confirm the proposed MRLs pose no risk to public health and safety. On this basis the departments are satisfied that the proposed inclusion, increase, decrease or removal of the MRLs in the Code will permit the sale of foods containing legitimate residues at levels that are consistent with safe and effective control of pests and diseases.

On this basis the departments support the progression of Proposal M1015.