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Endocrine Disruptors

The safety of workers and communities, and the protection of the environment, are the highest priorities of the Australian chemistry industry.

Chemistry Australia supports the application of sound science to inform the development of regulation. Regulatory regimes underpin the industry's social licence, providing the assurance to the community that appropriate standards are in place and complied with.

Understanding of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals is an emerging area of science. It is important that new research and developments in the field are appropriately considered by regulators, and changes made where required.

Industry, research organisations and academia, all play a critical role in contributing to the total body of research. This includes developing a greater knowledge of how the research is applied to real-life exposure and usage scenarios.

Chemistry Australia welcomes the work by Australian Regulators to collaborate with our trading partners and the World Health Organisation, to establish international agreement on the definition of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals. This is very important since the products of chemistry are highly traded.

This trade brings benefits for all Australians. The innovative products and technologies created by the industry play a vital role in making the world safer and preserving our natural environment. This includes energy saving building materials, cutting-edge technologies in energy storage and generation, more targeted methods for medicine delivery and antimicrobial plastics that reduce the risk of infection to patients.

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