

ANNEX A

Ministerial Statement of Support for the Australian Organic Industry

Primary Industries Ministers of the Australian Government and State and Territory Governments:

1. Recognise the increasing consumer demand for organic products and increasing consumer interest in organic production systems and the associated environmental benefits.
2. Recognise the subsequent significant and increasing growth of the organic industry and its contribution to the national economy.
3. Support and encourage the commitment of the Organic Federation of Australia and other key industry stakeholders to a more unified approach to industry development.
4. Commit to support the development of the organic industry in Australia by:
 - i. Considering appropriate development strategies on a jurisdiction by jurisdiction basis as relevant to the particular industries and sectors.
 - ii. Consulting with the stakeholders in the organic industry on matters impacting industry development.
 - iii. Working towards a greater exchange of information between organic and mainstream producers so that the supply and quality of organic and mainstream production continues to improve.
 - iv. Acknowledging that Governments have a role in mitigating barriers and maximising opportunities for growth in the organics industry.