



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources**

Mr Jingyuan Xia
Secretary
International Plant Protection Convention
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
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Dear Mr Xia,

This letter is to express Australia's support for the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) submission to the 2018 International Plant Protection Convention's call for topics.

Australia supports NAPPO's submission for the IPPC to develop an Annex to ISPM 38 (International movement of seeds) focused on the "Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds".

Australia has been collaborating with NAPPO on this concept because our stakeholders view this issue as a high priority to resolve.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important topic highlighting and addressing the pest risks we face globally.

Yours sincerely

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