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[ ]  I declare that the information I have provided in this submission is true and correct.\*

We may contact you for more information or to seek feedback about the APVMA’s consultation process.

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Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) public consultation

Email: chemicalreview@apvma.gov.au

Subject: Paraquat submission

Dear APVMA Review Panel,

I am writing to you as a concerned member of the Parkinson's community, deeply affected by the devastating impact of this disease. My [relation, e.g., husband/wife/parent/friend], who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, faces daily challenges that have significantly altered our lives. It is with a hopeful heart and a sense of urgency that I ask the APVMA to ban the use of paraquat in Australia.

Scientific research has increasingly demonstrated a strong link between paraquat exposure and the development of Parkinson's disease. Studies have shown that paraquat can induce oxidative stress, leading to the death of dopamine-producing neurons in the brain, which is a hallmark of Parkinson's disease. This connection is not just theoretical; it is a reality that affects many families like mine.

Countries around the world, including the UK, Europe, and China, have recognised the dangers of paraquat and have taken decisive action to ban its use. It is imperative that Australia joins these nations in taking a stand against such a highly toxic and dangerous chemical. By banning paraquat, we can protect current and future generations from the potential risks associated with its exposure and cumulative effects.

The health and safety of Australians should be a top priority. The continued use of paraquat poses an unacceptable risk to public health, particularly for those in the agricultural sector who are most likely to be exposed. A ban on paraquat would not only align Australia with international safety standards but also demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding the wellbeing of its citizens.

I respectfully request that the APVMA take immediate action to ban paraquat in Australia. Your decision can make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families affected by Parkinson's disease. Thank you for considering this urgent and important matter.

Should you require additional information about this request, please reach out to me or Olivia Nassaris (olivia@parkinsons.org.au) at Parkinson’s Australia. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,