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# Ferticare Accredited Advisor

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# Overview

- Food demand, fertilizer & environmental risk
- Overview of Fertcare
- Reasons to become a Fertcare Accredited Advisor



# People & Food



- 9.1 billion by 2050
- 70% increase in food 2005 - 2050

# Enhanced Productivity



# Eutrophication





# Toxic waste imports put food in danger

The

Claire O'Rourke

The subcommittee admitted he is \$415,000 in. An interim suggested a may have not

The Sydney Morning Herald

A HERALD INVESTIGATION

## Industrial waste in fertilisers: Greens demand inquiry

Bridget Delaney and Gerard Ryle

it was under the

"What we the does for small that is managing

"They is change a whole time"

The leader of the Australian Greens has called for a national inquiry on the use of industrial waste in agriculture, and warned of parliamentary action if the Government doesn't respond.

A spokesman for Senator Brown said yesterday the (Federal) Parliament

regulation and the lack of rough regulation (by the Commission) he said. "We need a national inquiry into how and where it is being used, with the aim of tough on the companies, here is out"

Waste when said to be

### Toxic load sent back in fertiliser crackdown

Gerard Ryle

The Federal Government will send China a shipment of hazardous waste as a potential

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## How industrial waste gets into the food chain

Monday, May 6, 2002 smh.com.au

# Food Safety





# Industry Approach

- Accept some blame!
- Earn credibility and respect....
- Get involved in the development & implementation of public policy
- Make a significant & tangible contribution...



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# Fertcare

- Productivity & environment
- Training & Accreditation
- Lift skills & knowledge
- Focused on high quality advice to farmers



# Objective, Site Specific Nutrient Input



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Training



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# Fertcare Training



- Food safety & environmental risk
- Provided through Registered Training Organisation
- Meets national competency standards
- 2,600 people trained





# Fertcare Accredited Advisor



- Assessment of competence
- ASPAC set standards
- Biennial audit
- 360 FAA



# Why become a Fertcare Accredited Advisor

- Symbol of high quality advice
- Continuous improvement
- Supply chain assurance



# Swan and Scott River Coastal



# Objective, Site Specific Nutrient Input





# Fertcare Accredited Advisor

- Prerequisite: skills & knowledge to interpret soil & plant tests & Level C
- System or individual assessment
- Assessed systems (e.g. NuLogic, Summit Fertilizers)



# System Accreditation

- Authorised users of assessed systems (e.g. NuLogic & Summit Fertilizers)
- Level C certificate
- Assessment cost typically covered by system manager
- FAA license fee \$52.50 +GST (2 years)
- Recommendations may be picked for system audit



# Individual Assessment

- Sampling practices
- Laboratory competence
- Scientific basis underpinning interpretations & recommendations
- Assessment: \$1,200 - \$1,500
- FAA license fee \$52.50 +GST (2 years)
- Biennial audit



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# Key Messages



- Fertcare – promoting productivity while protecting the environment
- Fertcare Accredited Advisor – objective basis to assess the competence of advisors
- Become a Fertcare Accredited Advisor





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# Questions?

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