Other countries got rid of them, so

Why are dangerous pesticides still used in Australia?

In Australia, there's no requirement for the manufacturers of old pesticides to prove they are safe in accordance with current standards.

That means the pesticide industry gets the benefit of the doubt, while pesticides not allowed in other countries and suspected of causing cancer and other health problems remain on the Australian market.

The facts show that:

- At least 17 pesticides registered for use in Australian agriculture are suspected carcinogens, and 48 are potential hormone disruptors
- 8 chemicals with known safety risks have been under review by our regulator for more than 13 years, some for more than 15 years

Prominent Australians and organisations are lending their support to our campaign for regulatory reforms that will better protect the health of Australian farmers, families and wildlife.

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