



## Crop Consultants Australia Inc Code of Conduct

**The CCA Code of Conduct represents the guidelines that ensure the professional conduct expected of members to uphold the values of the profession and the association.**

Members of the association shall:

1. Promote and enhance crop consulting as a professional career.
2. Maintain a high standard of honesty, integrity, service delivery and capacity, and professional competence.
3. A CCA member will not discriminate against an individual / individuals in a professional setting based on their age, disability, race, sex, intersex status, religious beliefs, gender identity or sexual orientation.
4. Avoid adverse comment upon the character of another agricultural professional or attempt to injure their reputation.
5. Treat CCA's invited guests with respect and avoid adverse comment upon the character of non-members at CCA events and activities.
6. Disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest with clients and other members.
7. Protect, to the fullest extent possible, the employer or client's interest in so far as such interest is consistent with the law, including any industry regulation program and consultant's professional obligations.
8. Use scientific principles and current knowledge in their agronomic-related activities and recognize the need for continual evaluation and monitoring of technical information.
9. Provide services with objectivity of judgment based on substantiated information, recognizing that legitimate differences of opinion may exist.
10. Actively consider environmental interests to minimize the industry's footprint.
11. Not promote or endorse agronomic practices in a false, misleading or unethical manner.
12. A member shall respect confidential information received in the performance of duty.
13. Endeavour to co-operate with others in the profession and encourage the ethical dissemination of technical knowledge and communication between all industry sectors.
14. Recognize a responsibility for the professional development and support of other members.
15. A person is only permitted to advertise themselves as a CCA Professional or Young Professional Member whilst they are registered and financial member in that category.
16. Not engage in conduct that is likely to bring the Association into disrepute.

## Complaints

A person may make a written complaint to the CCA Board about a member who has neglected to comply with the Code of Conduct or has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

## Compliance

The CCA Board will act and deal with the matters of breach of the code brought to their attention in accordance with the provisions of the CCA Constitution including termination of membership if deemed necessary.

## Disclaimer

The CCA does not endorse or recommend any crop checking technique over another. It is at the discretion of each individual CCA member as to how they conduct their operations. CCA strongly endorses member up-skilling.