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On Our Radar

Many issues are impacting the profitability of SA's grain producers. Here's just a selection GPSA is working on:

- > Investment in transport infrastructure.
- > Freight routes.
- > Increased grain industry competition.
- > Third-party access to ports for grain exports.
- > Investment in research, development and extension.
- > Access to genetically modified crops.
- > Reducing red and green tape and impacts on growers.
- > Priority recognition for grain production, for issues such as spray drift and wind farm and mining developments.
- > Foreign investment.

Member Benefits

GPSA members can access the following discounted services:

> Industrial relations

MERS – Mediation and Employment Relations Services – offers members the first 30 minutes free, followed by a discounted rate at \$180 an hour, for advice on employment contracts, WorkCoverSA, termination of employment such as unfair dismissal and unlawful termination, workplace discrimination or bullying and sexual harassment.

Contact Chas Cini on 08 8331 2422,
www.mers.com.au/farms/

> Legal services

The first 30 minutes is free at Mellor Olsson Lawyers for members then an hourly rate applies for advice offered by phone or at one of their offices at Adelaide, Kadina, McLaren Vale, Nuriootpa and Port Lincoln.

Contact Mellor Olsson on 08 8414 3400

Grower-driven advocacy for a profitable grains industry



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 **Grain
Producers SA**

GPSA'S MISSION IS TO ENSURE A VIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAIN PRODUCERS THROUGH LEADERSHIP, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

We're at work for you while you farm

Who is GPSA?

We advocate for South Australian growers on grains issues beyond the farm gate.

What is GPSA's goal?

Our goal is to improve the profitability and sustainability of South Australian grain producers.

What does GPSA do?

We are funded by a levy on grain production. This money from growers is used to:

- > Advocate on your behalf on issues affecting your farm's profitability to government, the community and other industry groups and businesses.
- > Commission projects on behalf of growers that will help improve production, profits and sustainability.

Who's involved?

We have a board of seven directors who are grain growers from across the state. We also have a small team of staff who work for growers, under the board's direction.

How does GPSA get results?

We work with all levels of government – local, state and federal – on issues impacting the grain industry. We are in regular contact with marketers, exporters, storage and handlers, researchers and farm input suppliers on behalf of growers.

What does this mean for me?

You can contact GPSA at any time. Some growers contact GPSA because they have an individual issue affecting their farm and would like the organisation to make enquiries on their behalf while other growers want to have their say on GPSA policies.

Do I need to be involved?

You can have as much or as little involvement with GPSA as you like. At a minimum, we ask that producers become members. This means we can keep you informed on issues that may affect you and your business and advise how your levy money is being spent.

How do I become a member?

Membership is free for SA producers. Just fill out the membership form enclosed and fax, post or email it back to GPSA or visit www.grainproducerssa.com.au and fill out an online membership form. Our contact details are on the back page.

GPSA...in Action

Wheat variety upgrade

GPSA worked with bulk handlers and Grain Trade Australia to upgrade the quality classification of Scout wheat from APW to AH. The upgrade equated to millions of dollars extra for South Australian growers.

Spray access

GPSA was part of the team which lobbied the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to maintain access to crop protection products, such as diuron, which were under review.

Lentil residues

GPSA acted to urgently communicate to other growers the potential risk of ignition of lentil residues in the 2013-14 harvest and met with the government and Country Fire Service. It engaged a harvester expert to work with growers on identifying the cause.

Mouse baiting

GPSA collaborated with Grain Producers Australia, GRDC, APVMA and state agencies to give grain producers access to an economically and environmentally-sustainable mouse baiting option. Producers can take their own grain to a regional bait station to be treated, providing a cost-effective way to control mice.

 **Keep me up-to-date on issues affecting my business and the grain industry through GPSA.**

Please fill in your details below

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____



"SA grain producers need a professional, organised and well-funded advocacy group. Someone must be working on our behalf to influence policy and decisions made beyond the farm gate which impact our businesses. Grain Producers SA is our voice to government, the community and industry so we can carry on doing what we do best ... farming!"

GARRY HANSEN,
GPSA Chairman and grain producer, Coomandook