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Growers Benefit from Wheat Industry Reform

Grain Producers SA (GPSA) Chairman, Mr Garry Hansen commends the rational outcomes of Thursday's decision by the National Parliament. The establishment of an independent 'Wheat Industry Taskforce' will assist in the development of a mandatory code of conduct to oversee the operation of the Australian wheat industry. The code of conduct will be developed during 2013 and reviewed two years after its introduction in 2014.

Mr Hansen said "GPSA has supported the principals of an 'overseeing body' being retained to address issues within the supply chain.

These issues were identified as:-

1. Fair, equitable and least cost access to ports for all grain traders,
2. Disclosure of wheat stocks information to all industry participants,
3. Export cargo integrity and maintained reputation of Australian wheat exports."

The establishment of a 'mandatory code of conduct' provides much more rigour than the proposed voluntary code which will provide Australian wheat growers with the confidence that there is less chance of the supply chain being manipulated. This will in turn provide grain producers the opportunity of maximising returns by attaining the best dollars for their tonne of wheat in a truly competitive grain market." Mr Hansen went on to say; "While the issues were at times lost in 'a political dust storm' the outcomes for growers have been improved."

Mr Hansen said "credit should be extended to the Grain Producers Association, Political Parties and Politicians who understood the issues of concern. The State Farming Organisations of Queensland (Agforce), New South Wales (NSW Farmers Federation), South Australia (Grain Producers SA), Victoria (Victorian Farmers Federation Grains Group), Western Australia (WA Grains Group) also played a vital role in the negotiations of the amended Wheat Bill."

About Grain Producers SA Limited

GPSA is a not-for-profit, South Australian organisation, seeking to improve the profitability and sustainability of all grain producers in South Australia.

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