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Consultation closes on GM moratorium

GPSA has provided a formal submission to PIRSA following the SA Government's announcement that it plans to restrict South Australia's GM crop to Kangaroo Island. The Government has proposed using its power to make regulations to change the area under which no GM crop can be cultivated.

PIRSA has also held consultation meetings on Kangaroo Island and in Adelaide during the 6 week statutory consultation period which ends on 30 September, in accordance with the

legal requirements whenever a change is proposed to the moratorium's area. These meetings were overwhelmingly in favour of restricting the moratorium to the Island.

Greens MLC Mark Parnell has recently stated that he will seek to block the restriction of the moratorium to Kangaroo Island either by enforcing the area through an act of Parliament, or by moving a disallowance motion which would have the effect of rejecting the proposed regulations.

If the regulations are upheld, growers on mainland South Australia will

have the freedom to grow the cereal, legume and oilseed varieties that best fit their farming system from early December 2019, however the moratorium will continue to apply to growers on Kangaroo Island until 1 September 2025.

GPSA will continue to advocate for the lifting of the moratorium on mainland SA, and will provide members with further updates as more information becomes available.

Further information is available on GPSA's website: www.tinyurl.com/2019GMFS

Expressions of interest to be sought for Grain Industry Blueprint

Grain industry stakeholders are encouraged to put forward an Expression of Interest to be part of one of the South Australian Grain Industry Blueprint's six working groups.

GPSA is leading development of the Blueprint, which will be a vehicle for sustainable industry growth by seeking commitments across the whole value chain to pursue actions and achieve targets in order for the South Australian grain industry to increase its value from about \$4.2 billion to \$6 billion by 2030.

The working groups will be centred on six key themes identified as part of an extensive literature and stakeholder consultation, which will form the pillars of the Blueprint. These pillars are:

1. Value adding
2. Market opportunities
3. Infrastructure investment
4. Building industry capacity
5. On-farm innovation
6. Biosecurity and quality assurance

The working groups will work underneath the Blueprint's overarching steering committee and work to develop a clear and detailed statement of the key objectives of each pillar to deliver on the issues and opportunities identified. The working groups will prepare an implementation program, including funding options, to achieve the targets of each pillar.

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Viterra seeks relief from Port Code

GPSA has ensured that grower concerns are at front of mind when the ACCC considers Viterra's application for exemption from the Bulk Wheat Code of Conduct.

The Code is designed to ensure that bulk wheat exporters have fair and transparent access to port terminals. Viterra has asked that it be relieved from certain obligations under the Code, including not discriminating or hindering access when providing access to third-party exporters using

their port facilities. Viterra controls over 90% of South Australia's grain export capacity and operate all but two bulk wheat port terminals in South Australia, including Outer Harbor and Port Lincoln.

Viterra's application for exemption asks that all 6 of its South Australian port facilities be exempt from the requirements of the Code

GPSA's submission reflects two primary concerns, namely that:

1. In the absence of full regulation

under the Code (which ensures fair and transparent access to port facilities) there is limited assurance for grain producers about Viterra's future conduct or the likely impact that lowering regulatory oversight could have on bulk wheat exporters.

2. The Code is not an appropriate regulatory instrument for governing the grain export market and a fresh, nationally consistent, whole-of-chain approach to regulation is required.

2019 Grower Priorities Survey launched at YP Field Days

GPSA's 2019 Grower Priorities Survey was launched at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days.

The Survey helps GPSA to identify areas of concern for our members and for the broader industry. **Plus, surveys completed online before 1 November will go into the draw to win a \$500 fuel voucher!**

Producers visiting the GPSA tent at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days were able to chat to elected board members, and speak to a range of other exhibitors. The field days are an important part of GPSA's grower

engagement, and combined with initiatives such as the Grower Priorities Survey, help GPSA to identify issues of importance for our members.

GPSA was also joined by a range of Parliamentarians including local MPs Fraser Ellis MP, and Rowan Ramsey MP. Senators David Fawcett and Alex Antic also joined the GPSA tent to speak to members and hear about their concerns directly.

Complete the Grower Priorities Survey now:
www.tinyurl.com/2019GPsurvey



Emerging Leaders visit Canberra

GPSA's Emerging Leaders Program has recently visited Canberra for its third session, which focussed on how industry leaders can influence key government agencies and decision makers. The visit included sessions with the National Farmers Federation, GRDC, the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, and a visit to Parliament. Read more in the spring edition of *Grain Producer*.

Reminder: How well do you Know Your Code?



In preparation of harvest, GPSA is reminding members that South Australia has a voluntary Grain Harvesting Code of Practice.

The Code outlines the conditions

under which grain harvesting and handling should occur in the paddock, including operating grain harvesters, vehicles involved in grain transport, and grain dryers and augers.

GPSA's 'Know Your Code' campaign provides a series of materials for growers to ensure they are adhering to the on-farm actions of the code, and encourages growers to take five

simple steps to help reduce the risk of harvester fires:

1. Preparation,
2. Maintenance,
3. Monitoring,
4. Safe operations and
5. Communication.

Refresh your memory of the Code at www.tinyurl.com/KnowYourCode

Drought support information

Information on dry conditions support and assistance measures can be found on GPSA's website at www.tinyurl.com/drought2019



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