



Save the date - GPSA AGM & Growing SA 2019

Monday 26- Tuesday 27 August, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre

GM Review finds moratorium has cost growers \$33 million

The South Australian Government has publicly released the findings of the Independent Review of South Australia's moratorium on the cultivation of Genetically Modified crops, and is now seeking feedback from industry, farmers, and community stakeholders.

This review, which was conducted by Emeritus Professor Kym Anderson, found that SA canola producers have foregone up to \$33 million since 2004 as a result of the moratorium.

GPSA has consistently argued that the moratorium offers little in the way of trade and marketing benefits to the majority of agricultural producers in SA, and only removes the option of using safe and effective GM tools.

GPSA strongly believes that growers deserve the freedom to grow the cereal, legume, and oilseed varieties that best fit their farming system.

In an editorial published on February 21, *The Advertiser* highlighted GPSA's advocacy "...for SA's outdated GM ban to be overturned, saying it puts them at a disadvantage being the only mainland state in Australia with a moratorium... If the law is to be reviewed, political ideology should be put aside and an evidence-based decision should be made to the benefit of our state." *The Advertiser* concluded by saying that "... the evidence is stacking up in favour of lifting the moratorium."

The review's findings only strengthen GPSA's resolve to continue to advocate for grower choice.

Growers wishing to submit feedback on the Review can do so through the Department of Primary Industries and Regions.

Submissions should be made before 5pm Wednesday 6 March.

Details: www.tinyurl.com/GMconsultationPIRSA



Mining Bill to return to Parliament

After being adjourned late last year, the Government's Mining Bill is due to return to Parliament shortly, leaving many issues unresolved for our State's farming community.

GPSA believes that the bill fails to meaningfully address the land access conflicts arising from the existing law. We can, and must, do better to strengthen

the rights of farmers. That's why GPSA will continue to seek further amendments to the Bill, while pushing for an independent review into the legal framework governing mining activity on agricultural land.

South Australian farmers are at a distinct disadvantage compared to their interstate counterparts. GPSA believes we should be taking best practice models from

Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, in order to resolve land use conflicts arising from mineral exploration and coal seam gas activity. This will need a whole-of-government approach to planning and environmental protection of this natural resource, recognising that prime agricultural land cannot be replaced.

GPSA will keep members informed about the progress of the Bill.

Drought support information

Information on dry conditions support and assistance measures can be found on GPSA's website at www.tinyurl.com/drought2018

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY... *Made Easy!*

Chain of Responsibility program launched with additional workshops

GPSA's 'Chain of Responsibility ...Made Easy' workshops have been officially launched in Murray Bridge alongside NFF President Fiona Simson.

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator operations manager Paul Simionato addressed grower concerns over the new laws and encouraged primary producers to participate in the workshops.

GPSA Chairman Wade Dabinett also encouraged growers to register for one

of the remaining workshops via GPSA's website.

Due to high demand, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator has funded GPSA to put on additional Chain of Responsibility workshops with Natwide Personnel in Kadina, Red Hill, and Riverton.

GPSA has also organised an additional workshop at Murray Bridge.

Head to the GPSA website to register for a workshop near you.

www.tinyurl.com/EasyCoR

GPSA member roundtable with Fiona Simson

Grain Producers SA has hosted National Farmers' Federation President Fiona Simson and CEO Tony Mahar in Adelaide earlier this month, discussing some of the key issues impacting the grains industry.

GPSA members from across the state had the opportunity to sit down with

Fiona and Tony over lunch to discuss their concerns, and gain an insight into the NFF's advocacy work at a national level. Front of mind for many growers was the issue of water allocations from the River Murray, and the ongoing Mining Act review in South Australia.

Take a look at what Fiona had to say about the NFF's advocacy:
www.tinyurl.com/GPSAmemberlunch



Have your say on changes to CFS powers

GPSA members have been allocated a dedicated time to voice their concerns to a Select Committee over proposed amendments to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 as part of an upcoming hearing in Keith.

GPSA's submission to the Committee is available online at:
www.tinyurl.com/CFSsubmission

Members wishing to speak at the hearing in Keith should arrange a time via email:
info@grainproducerssa.com.au

Keith

Date: Thursday 7 March

Location: Keith Memorial Institute

Time: 10.30am – 2:30pm

Time for GPSA member session: 12:15pm – 12:45pm



Learn more about the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice at
www.tinyurl.com/KnowYourCode

Applications for leadership forum sought

GPSA is seeking applicants for a two-day Leadership Forum for future and aspiring leaders to be delivered by Grain Producers Australia together with the Hargraves institute.

The forum will explore a review of strategic issues confronting the sector, a discussion on the current and potential channels to progress the interests of grain growers, and research and development priorities including biosecurity.

The Forum will also include leadership and advocacy training covering communicating with influence, media skills, understanding the parliamentary process, and the principles

of effective communication in the digital age.

Applicants should submit a one-pager to GPSA by Monday 11 March detailing their name, address, contact details, and agriculture history (formal qualifications, farming background/ experience and any advocacy experience). In addition, they should articulate in one paragraph how they think this Forum would assist their agriculture career. Applications should be sent to GPSA via info@grainproducerssa.com.au

Applicants must be available to attend the two-day workshop in Canberra on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April.