



# Grain Producers SA

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## Subsoil research good for growers, says GPSA

GRAIN Producers SA welcomes the State Government's \$850,000 commitment to fund new agricultural research in improving subsoil productivity.

As part of its New Horizons project, the State Government will work with farming systems groups and tertiary institutions to establish three trial sites in the South East, Mid North and Lower Eyre Peninsula.

GPSA chief executive Darren Arney says these sites will be useful for growers in the high rainfall zone to see the results close-up and in their own regions, where conditions may vary.

"GPSA welcomes any increase in funding for research and development in the grain industry, particularly given recent history of public sector contributions to agricultural R&D declining as private investment from the industry increases," he said.

"There has been previous research into improving subsoil productivity through deep ripping, clay delving and subsoil manuring so PIRSA building on this existing data and making the technology more accessible to growers can only be good for the industry.

"We hope this will be one of many future projects drawing on public and private funds that delivers production gains, not only for the high rainfall zone but also projects for growers in the medium and low rainfall zones too."

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### About Grain Producers SA:

*Grain Producers SA is a not-for-profit organisation that intends to represent all levy-paying grain producers in South Australia. GPSA's objective is to foster the development and implementation of policies that promote the economic and environmental sustainability of the South Australian grains industry for the benefit of its producers and the wider community. Growers are encouraged to have their say on policy and have input on the people who represent them.*