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GPSA supports review of mining act

Grain Producers SA has cautiously welcomed the state government's announcement of a review into the legislation around the mining industry in this state and is eager to learn more about the process.

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy, last week announced the Mineral Resources Division, led by the Resource Land Access Strategy Branch, has commenced the Leading Practice Mining Acts Review of the Mining Act 1971, the Mines and Works Inspection Act 1920 and the Opal Mining Act 1995.

GPSA CEO Darren Arney said their Agricultural Security and Priority (ASAP) Committee had been calling for a review of the Act for some time and believes it is well overdue.

"We seek a fairer and more open and transparent system for farmers that includes a review of the process by which mining exploration is allowed, the process for granting exemptions, the rights of the landowners, the consultation process and compensation process not only for those immediately affected but also the near neighbours," he said.

"We welcome the opportunity to be involved in this review and look forward to hearing more from the Department of State Development about the process."

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Grain Producers SA is a not-for-profit organisation that represents 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.
