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New director for Grain Producers SA Board

The Board of Grain Producers SA has appointed Mid North grain grower Adrian McCabe as a director of the organisation.

Adrian grows wheat, canola, beans and durum at Hamley Bridge, where his predecessors were the first settlers. He is a board member of the Southern Durum Growers Association, a member of Fat Farmers and previously a member of the SA Farmers Federation.

Mr McCabe says he joined the board because he is keen to see the grain industry getting the credit it deserves as one of the biggest industries in South Australia.

“In being part of the board, I felt it was the right time of life with children away at school and not having any commitments to junior sport, I have been freed up to have more time to contribute to industry,” he said.

“I believe we need to be further advocating for grain as a massive contributor to the state’s economy. We need to be lobbying for what country SA needs and we need to educate political parties to make change so that they know what our priorities are.”

Mr McCabe says transport is a key issue for grain producers and new work under the *90-Day Change @ SA Improving Road Transport for the Agriculture Industry Project* was an exciting step forward.

“The change in our ability to move machinery at night and ability to move larger trucks in and out of major receival sites has been a step forward. The project demonstrates the capacity we have to effectively work with government departments, such as the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, on key issues impacting growers,” he said.

“I believe other important issues include the spiralling costs of handling from farm gate to ship and our lack of access to genetically modified crops. We need to be making sure innovation can happen.

“Agriculture is booming, it’s an exciting time at the moment with good yields and legumes producing good returns so we need to support farming and increase employment in the industry.”

GPSA Chairman Wade Dabinett welcomed Mr McCabe to the board, which was now at its full complement following the retirement of Max Wilksch earlier in the year.

Mr McCabe joins existing directors Stephen Ball, Andrew Goode, Garry Hansen, David Malpas, Peter Polkinghorne and Brett Roberts.

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