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News

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Select Committee tables GM report, Mining Bill passes SA Parliament

Parliament's Select Committee on SA's GM moratorium has recently released its report into the moratorium, 14 months after it was established. Although not binding on government, the report represents another milestone in the GM debate.

Two of the four committee members (the Hon John Darley MLC and the Hon John Dawkins MLC) recommended that the moratorium be restricted to Kangaroo Island in line with GPSA's proposal and the Government's stated policy. Labor MLC Emily Bourke and Greens MLC Mark Parnell voted against this proposal. Despite this, the Committee could not agree on a recommendation regarding the status of the GM moratorium.

The release of this report means that two reviews have now been conducted on the moratorium in 2019, with the Independent Review recommending that the moratorium be restricted to KI. GPSA will be focusing its advocacy on ensuring that the proposed regulatory changes to the moratorium are not stymied by Parliament.

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The Government's Mining Bill has also passed Parliament this month, bringing that legislative process to an end. GPSA is incredibly disappointed with the limited protections for agriculture as the Government can, and must, do better to strengthen the rights of farmers.

GPSA has worked constructively with the Government, opposition, and cross benchers throughout this process, and remains committed to securing a better balance between agriculture and competing land use interests.

The Government has previously committed to further rounds of reform of the Mining Act, in addition to funding an independent mining advisory service for landowners through Rural Business Support.

GPSA will continue to hold the Government to these commitments, and will continue to advocate for a comprehensive independent review.

Further information is available at:
www.tinyurl.com/GMmoratorium2019
www.tinyurl.com/MiningActReview



Reminder: How well do you Know Your Code?

GPSA is reminding members that South Australia has a voluntary Grain Harvesting Code of Practice which 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. More information on the Code is available at www.grainproducerssa.com.au

GPSA has also recently met with the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services, Corey Wingard, and received assurances that no changes to the current laws governing CFS powers will take effect in advance of harvest.

Consistent with the Select Committee recommendations, GPSA understands that CFS volunteers will not be awarded powers to direct the cessation of harvesting. The Government is looking to implement these changes in advance of the 2020-21 harvest. GPSA will keep members updated as the Bill is progressed through Parliament.

Last chance to complete the 2019 Grower Priorities Survey!

GPSA's 2019 Grower Priorities Survey is open for your input! It takes just 5 minutes to complete and helps GPSA to identify areas of concern for our members and for the broader industry.

Enter now: www.tinyurl.com/2019GPSurvey





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Reminder on market requirements for IMI tolerant barley

Growers are reminded that the current barley MRLs for IMI chemicals for Japan and South Korea will apply for the upcoming 2019/20 harvest. For both these markets the MRLs for imazapyr, imazapic and imazamox are currently 0.01 ppm.

The South Korean regulator has announced that they expect to complete their review of the Imazapyr Import Tolerance application for barley

on 16 November 2020.

The Japanese regulator is not expected to complete their MRL review until late 2021. Until the outcome of these reviews are known, growers should be mindful of market access issues related to the use of IMI chemistry and the trading of Clearfield barley varieties to those markets, to ensure compliance with MRL requirements.

Bulk handlers will apply a range of

strategies for the management of Clearfield barley varieties (Scope CL and Spartacus CL) for the 2019 harvest. Viterra will not be segregating Clearfield barley varieties treated with IMI chemistry, but vendor declarations will be required for harvest deliveries. Extensive testing for IMI residues will be implemented.

Contact details and further information is available at Viterra's website: www.tinyurl.com/Viterralmi

GPSA Policy Update

GPSA has been busy providing feedback on various policy proposals that impact on growers.

Most recently, GPSA has also provided a submission to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's review of the Grain Harvest Management Scheme. GPSA has provided a series of recommendations that would ensure

a nationally consistent approach to overmass heavy vehicles transporting grain from paddock to receipt site.

GPSA has also supported proposed changes to trespass laws which seek to ensure that farm activists can be properly targeted and punished if they enter primary production land or cause a disruption to primary production businesses. These changes will send

a strong signal to would-be activists that their actions are not welcome and have a significant effect on workplace safety, biosecurity, and on economic sustainability.

These submissions, as well as GPSA's past policy work, are available on GPSA's website at: www.tinyurl.com/GPSApolicy



NFF releases National Drought Policy

The NFF has unveiled a comprehensive National Drought Policy which is designed to implement a new approach to how Australia prepares for, manages through, and recovers from extreme climate variability.

The policy is designed to break the reactive cycle to drought and ensure that government and industry are better able to respond to future challenges.

The NFF are continuing to advocate for further immediate drought support measures, including council rate relief and exit packages for farmers looking to exit the industry in severely drought affected regions.

The NFF has also released its 'We are Australian Farmers' campaign, which aims to highlight the shared values between city and rural dwellers. The campaign is available to watch on social media, and is a must-see for all producers.

The 'We are Australian Farmers' campaign has been shared on GPSA's Facebook page at www.fb.me/grainproducerssa

Drought support information

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