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**Grower-driven advocacy for
a profitable grains industry**

Dear Nathan

RE: National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice - Engagement with Industry

Please find a submission from Grain Producers SA Ltd (GPSA) regarding the NHVR Harmonisation Project Team engagement with industry. Please refer discussion in general or for any specific questions or concerns to GPSA Policy Officer Shane Gale.

Overview

Grain Producers SA Ltd (GPSA) is the peak body representing South Australian grain producers. GPSA's objectives are to improve the profitability and sustainability of South Australian grain producers through:

- Representing the views of South Australian grain producers to government, industry and the community on grains issues;
- Working with an effective state farming organisation and other commodity groups to represent South Australian grain producers on cross commodity issues;
- Working with government and industry to develop policies around creating and maintaining an efficient, accessible and cost effective supply chain;
- Working with government, industry and institutions to improve the technical and business skills of South Australian grain producers
- Working with Research, Development and Extension organisations to identify and disseminate research priorities in grain production, handling and management
- Supporting an effective national representative organisation to work with government around national initiatives to support the grains industry
- Providing a program to include and develop young farmers to be prepared to take on leadership roles within the SA grains industry.

Yours sincerely
Grain Producers SA



Darren Arney
Chief Executive Officer

Proposed National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Notice

Grain production has changed a great deal over the last century and the enhanced technology farmers use to cultivate and farm land will continue to improve efficiency and productivity.

A concern for members is that our industry does not experience a reduction to vehicle, machinery and combination access when compared with current provisions. GPSA supports recognition of local requirements proposed under the National Harmonisation Program.

A further concern is that our industry continues to receive support in evolving regulation when issues relating to mass and dimension limits for certain agricultural vehicle types arise. Members have provided examples of mass and dimension for certain agricultural vehicle types (Table 1). GPSA urge the NHVR Harmonisation Project Team to consider new and advanced agricultural vehicle types that push current boundaries for mass and dimension limits.

Table 1:

Examples of Dimensions of Ag Vehicle Types being sold for use March 2017		
	Tonne	
Weight (t)	28.122	John Deere 9RX Tractor
Weight on 2 Axles - dual tyres	21.019	Case 9240 Header
Transport Length	Metre	
Header	10.7	Case 9240 Header
Plus comb	18.28	60ft Comb/front
Plus comb trailer drawbar etc.	2.0	Approximate (variable)
Total length for towing comb trailer with header	30.98	
Seeding Combination		
Tractor	7.38	Steiger 4wd 800 duals
Cultivator Bar	16.25	DBS 80ft (325-75)
Air Seeder box	9.1	DBS 9500BH
Total seeding combination length	32.73	
Transport width	7.53	DBS 70ft (260-70)
Transport height	5.82	DBS 70ft (260-70)
Known use Headers Transport width	3.861	Case 7240
	3.962	Case 9240
	3.962	Case 8240