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News

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GPSA to present to Select Committee on Land Access

SA's Parliamentary Land Access Inquiry continues as the Select Committee considers written submissions and meets with witnesses following the close of regional public hearings.

Earlier this year, a Select Committee was established to inquire and report on SA's land access arrangements concerning mining and exploration activity on agricultural land, thanks to a push from the expanded crossbench in the Lower House of State Parliament.

GPSA drew from the previous work of our Mining Act Review Taskforce to inform our submission to the Select Committee, which encompassed substantive policy reforms and recommendations to ensure fairer outcomes for farmers, farming families and rural communities. GPSA's submission to the Select Committee is available on the GPSA website: <https://grainproducerssa.com.au/submissions/>

The Select Committee are in the process of holding regional and rural public hearings to enable witnesses to give evidence.

Hearings have been held in Wudinna and Tumby Bay. The Select Committee are holding the final public hearing in Ardrossan on 1 July 2021.

GPSA are to formally present to the Select Committee on 19 July 2021.

GPSA will continue to keep members informed as the Inquiry continues. You can find more information on the GPSA website at <https://grainproducerssa.com.au/advocacy/>

The final report is set to be tabled in November this year, ahead of the 2022 election.

Register today for GROWING SA 2021!

Event hosts Grain Producers SA and Livestock SA invite you to register today for GROWING SA, Monday 23 - Tuesday 24 August 2021! After a year of challenging times for industry and business, the conference will gather SA's primary producers and industry influencers in a topical program which delivers insights on the road to recovery.

Each Producer (\$89) or Industry (\$250) ticket offers you the following inclusion on Tuesday 24 August: GROWING SA 2021 session attendance, exhibition access, delegate pack and program, and all catering from a light breakfast to sundowner drinks!

Featured speakers include:

HON DAVID BASHAM MP - Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

MINETTE BATTERS - National Farmers' Union UK

TONY MAHAR - National Farmers' Federation

LEVIN FLAKE - Office of Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy

FIONA MCCREDIE - Behind Australian Grain Sustainability Framework

JACOB BETROS - Australian Beef Sustainability Framework

SARAH HYLAND - Sheep Sustainability Framework



The agenda includes:

Monday 23 August - *opt-in activities*

10am Beyond the Silo - grain marketing workshop

2pm Grain Producers SA & Livestock SA AGMs

6pm TFI Pre-Dinner Drinks 7pm

GROWING SA Conference Dinner featuring Richard Heath, Australian Farm Institute

Tuesday 24 August - **GROWING SA**

7.30am Breakfast and Mellor Olsson barista coffee

8.30am Agriculture and the post-COVID economic recovery

10.45am The international landscape - future opportunities and challenges for Australian agriculture

1.05pm Putting sustainability into practice on-farm

3.00pm Building skills for the future

4.30pm GROWING SA social sundowner drinks

Find out more: www.growingsa.com.au #GrowingSA

**SAVE THE DATE! GPSA AGM - Monday 23 August 2021,
Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf.**

RSVP: info@grainproducerssa.com.au



Rob Kerin steps down as PPSA Chair

Inaugural executive chair of Primary Producers SA (PPSA) Rob Kerin has formally stepped down from the role after an eight-year tenure.

The former Premier of South Australia has been executive chair of PPSA since the organisation was established following the dissolution of the South Australian Farmers Federation in 2013.

In his announcement, Mr Kerin said he was proud to oversee the inception of PPSA.

“From the beginning, the aim of PPSA was to be the united voice of SA’s primary production industries,” he said.

“For more than eight years, PPSA has worked with its six member organisations on cross-commodity issues impacting all South Australian primary producers.

“The formation of the PPSA Council – initially comprising Grain Producers SA, Livestock SA, the Horticulture Coalition of SA, the SA Dairyfarmers’ Association and the Wine Grape Council of SA and later adding the South Australian Forest Products Association – was a historic step forward in advocacy for SA primary production.”

One highlight that stood out for Mr Kerin was PPSA joining the National Farmers’ Federation in 2017, giving South Australian primary producers a voice at the national table.

“By joining the NFF and having representation on a national stage, PPSA has been able to better advocate for the interest of our state’s farmers.”

GPSA extends a special thank you to Mr Kerin for his extraordinary contribution and dedication to South Australia’s agricultural industry.

Dr Don Plowman will continue in the role as interim chair. He will undertake a review of the organisation prior to announcing how the new executive chair role will be structured and what recruitment process will be undertaken.

Mid-Year Update

By Adrian McCabe, GPSA Chair

After a late break to the season, I hope everyone has or is experiencing some good rainfall to help get their crops established. As Chair of GPSA, I thought it was timely to provide an update on what the organisation has been up to recently given we are at the halfway point of the calendar year.

Last week’s State Budget saw some welcome funding for Primary Producers SA – \$1 million over two years – to provide comprehensive advice to the state government on primary industry matters. I congratulate former PPSA chair Rob Kerin and interim chair Don Plowman on the work they have done securing that funding which will support a collaborative approach with government to achieve the growth target of \$23 billion from the primary industries sector by 2030.

Also welcome was \$786m to help address the maintenance backlog on rural and regional roads over the next four years. This is much-needed investment that together with continuing national reforms to improve Heavy Vehicle National Law and road vehicle standards, will help to facilitate safer transport of farmers’ produce to domestic end users and export terminals.

The GPSA Board recently visited the Eyre Peninsula to meet with growers and stakeholders regarding some of the issues facing the state’s west. One thing which was highlighted on that trip was the labour and skills shortage facing regional SA.

Grain growing businesses are no different to other ag sectors in that employers want longevity in their employees. Significant time, money and resources are invested in training labour and it can take years to see a return on that investment.

There is a gap between unskilled and skilled labour for the grain industry. Building industry capacity is one of the six pillars of the SA Grain Industry Blueprint and one of the priorities under that pillar is to provide adequate and accessible vocational education and training to meet future workforce planning and needs. GPSA will be advocating to government to implement projects and funding in line with the targets under this priority area to help address the labour and skills shortage.

If you want to make your voice heard on issues affecting your region then I encourage you to get in touch with one of GPSA’s regionally based directors. In addition to this, there is no better time than now to take the next step and nominate to join the GPSA Board of Directors. Nominations are currently open and must be received in writing via post or email by 5pm, Sunday 5 July 2021.

The GPSA AGM will be held on Monday 23 August at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf, prior to the 2021 GROWING SA Conference.

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