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Re: Grain Levy Review

Dear Barry,

I'm writing to share observations about Grain Producers Australia's grain levy review, and express my strong support and endorsement for this process. I think it's healthy to review the grain levy periodically and also smart to make any adjustments, as needed. , .

I'm aware this review process started out with specific research and analysis, asking the key question – is the grain levy fit-for-purpose? In particular, it considered the growing level of cash reserves, following record high national crop production, over recent years. The review report also proposed changes to components, which helped guide the stakeholder discussions and consultations. This proactive levy review process is now proceeding forward positively, with a poll of the actual growers who pay the levy and other forums, to help determine the final outcomes.

As a former Grains Research and Development Corporation Chair, I understand the levy comprises other components, not just research and development, so funds can be invested into other important industry good functions; especially stronger biosecurity and market access. GPA's review process has therefore considered this fit-for-purpose question holistically, and for this you can be commended.

As a former grain producer from WA's Great Southern region, who has also paid these levies, I've always focused on the growers' point of view, and what brings real value for them. I've also held other senior industry roles which helps inform my understanding of how the levy system adds broader value across the Australian grains industry, and I support it continuing. However, there should not be a set and forget approach. Flexibility is fundamentally important, to the grain levy's future.

It's healthy to review the levy periodically, so adjustments can be made, for changing circumstances. This reflects how growers run their own farming businesses, adapting to seasonal income variations. And is how the levy system was always intended to work.

I understand this is the first time such a poll has been held, where growers can have a direct say, and support this happening at regular intervals in future. This means growers views will be heard collectively, and democratically, which also sends a strong signal, to the government, about the industry's priorities. This consultation to inform GPA's review process can only be strengthened by hearing directly from the growers themselves.

There's always been differing opinions on levies, and probably always will be, not matter what the rates are – going up or down. Either way, it makes good sense to give growers a say, on their own levies, to help shape the way forward. GPA is to be acknowledged for this approach. I look forward to seeing the polling results. As with anything that's done for the first time, there may be some slight imperfections or hiccups along the way. But we shouldn't hold back progress, in the pursuit of perfection.

Yours sincerely,

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