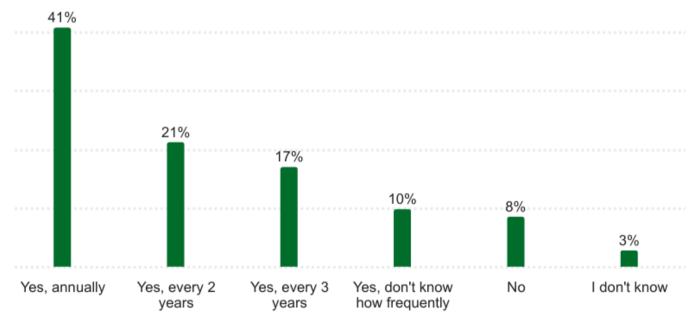
Prior to launching this national poll, Australian Regional Insights conducted a national telephone survey for GPA to gather preliminary thoughts from grain producers about the compulsory grains levies and their rates. This was conducted from 17-22 September 2025, with about 300 calls made. The results indicated endorsement for change with key findings and feedback, as follows:

## High-level findings:

- Amount currently held in reserve surprised most: 76% unaware and 24% aware.
- Among those aware of the high reserves, 69% comfortable with levy being reduced.
- Majority indicated surprise and concern by the amount of money in reserves.
- Some surprised, but expressed they felt funds were being handled responsibly.
- 89% of respondents want a say on their levy rates: 41% want it at annual intervals.
- Overall desire for more education, information, and transparency regarding grain levies.
- Low awareness of individual levy components and specific rates, with 49% unaware.
- 51% aware of either levy components and/or rates, with only 30% aware of both aspects.
- 72% unaware of how much they pay annually for compulsory grain levies.

## SUPPORT FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS HAVING A SAY ON THEIR LEVY RATES.



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Respondents who said they wanted to have a say.

"Preferably every 2 years...annually would be a bit too much".

"Every 3 or 4 years would be fine (annually is too onerous)".

Hands-off approach, leave to be managed by "industry experts"

"Individual farmers may be thinking only of the short term."

Low awareness of how much is paid in levies each year.

"No idea, as it gets taken out at the silos".

Levies are automatically deducted, "so I don't know".

"I just want to know what the grain levy is, how much it is, who spends it and what it is spent on".

"The person paying the levy must have a say in where it is spent".

## **Awareness of Finding in Reserves**

Definitely a lot of money. A ridiculous amount.

Heard it was getting up there.

I was not aware it was that much.

Wow that's crazy.

I assumed it was all being spent.

Quite a substantial amount.

I was pretty sure it would be a pretty big number due to the past 2-3 seasons.

It's interesting to know.

Gee that much?! Might get a rate cut.

We don't look at it, we just pay it. We should pay more attention to it.

Very surprised that it is this amount of money.

Concerned that the excess is that much, and it has been like that for a while.

We're victims of our own success, as grain production has increased levies have increased.

Would love to see a review of the levies and more transparency of where the money is going.

I don't know if it needs to be reduced necessarily – need to broaden the scope.

Comfortable with where the levies are at, minister will decide if levy needs to change.