

TO: Barry Large, Chair of Grain Producers Australia
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Re: Grain Levy Review

Dear Barry,

I understand Grain Producers Australia is conducting consultations that'll give growers an opportunity to have direct input on the setting of their grain levies. I believe this process will involve a national poll of Australian growers that's being held over the next few weeks, supported by advertising and numerous events to ensure as many growers as possible can participate. I support a transparent process that allows growers to individually express their views directly. I will watch with great interest to see the final results.

As a past Chair of the Grains Research and Development Corporation I've always supported greater direct involvement by growers in the determination of their levy payments. I also have a direct interest as my family and I are still operating a farming business near Gunnedah in northern NSW, grains and livestock, which of course means I'm still paying industry levies. Given my industry background, I also understand the different components of the grain levy and how they work, as well as the value and benefits they create for our industry.

I'll avoid any comment on the specific questions being asked of growers about the different components of the grain levy, in the voting process and proposal. That's for individual growers to decide upon themselves. However, I'm fully supportive of this process, because it's giving growers an important opportunity to participate in their industry, to help shape the outcomes and provide growers with a greater understanding of the various components of their levies. This process will also help make a determination, with a good consultation process that's hearing directly from the growers themselves, about what they actually want.

Growers should be able to have a regular say on their levy and the different component rates, not just as a one-off vote. GPA is to be applauded for this initiative and the good processes around it, where growers can have their say.

Yours sincerely,

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