



## **SUBMISSION**

**Response to call for Industry comment on the Agricultural Export Regulation Review**

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Thank you for the opportunity for Grain Producers Australia to provide a response to the **Agricultural Export Regulation Review**. Grain Producers Australia (GPA) is a national Representative Organisation (RO) for the grains industry in accordance with the *Primary Industries and Energy Research Development Act 1989* (PIRD), and has key responsibilities under the *Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999* and the *Primary Industries (Customs Charges) Act 1999*.

GPA is supported by Grain Levy Payers in Australia and through direct grower members and state members in GPSA, VFF Grains Group, NSW Farmers Grains Committee, WA Grains Group, WA Farmers Grains Council, Agforce Grains and Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association.

In submitting comments GPA appreciated the opportunity to brief the department on the 15<sup>th</sup> September in relation to our views on the current draft summary document.

**Summary Points from Teleconference:**

GPA is concerned that in any changes to the current arrangements which could in some way impact on the already high quality and regarded standards that currently exist with Grains export that any changes need to be measured in their approach.

There would seem to be a potential cost saving to industry through developing capacity within exporters to carry out certification type processes and in particular larger exporters would have a capacity in house to meet the current requirements. The potential here would allow the current exporting officers to become more of a check and balance after there was a demonstrated compliance by the internal company certification officers.

GPA would like to encourage the Trade division in encouraging industry by rewarding a good compliance record through reducing costs which will also allow industry to pass on costs savings back to producers through a more efficient system for Export regulation.

There is commitment from GPA to also work cross industry and deliver productivity outcomes to agricultural industries and confidence of the Australian community.

Yours sincerely

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