



Grains Policy

The PGA Grains Committee exists to safeguard the viability of all grain producers by advocating for equitable services to the grains industry and practical regulatory outcomes that support sustainable grain production in Western Australia.

The general position of the PGA is: smaller government, less regulation, open and free markets and enlightened self-interest.

Detailed Policy Positions on Specific Grains Issues

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Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)

The PGA believes that there should only be ONE designated Representative Organisation with oversight of the GRDC. The PGA is not a member of either Grain Producers Australia (GPA) or Grain Growers Ltd (GGL). We favour Grain Producers Australia as the designated Representative Organisation.

With GRDC's reported cash reserves now approaching \$700 million, there is a clear sign of over-collection of levies. This should trigger a review of the current levy rate. An ideal outcome would be to reduce the levy collected and to direct a small extra portion of it specifically to Plant Health Australia.

Statutory Levies

The PGA have endorsed a policy position of no new statutory levies.

Gene technology (or GM)

The PGA encourages and supports the continued research, development, promotion and commercial release of genetically improved varieties utilising biotechnology.

Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) Structure

The PGA proposes that in the event of any future CBH internal restructure or proposed external takeover, the CBH Board submit any proposal to its membership for their proper consideration and determination.

Freight Network

The PGA favours the least cost pathway, and recognises that maintenance of essential rail and road needs to be a priority.

Mandatory Grains Stock Reporting

The PGA opposed the mandatory disclosure of private information via the reporting of grains stocks in Western Australia.

Fuel and Energy

- > PGA supports the development of a biofuels industry in Australia, provided there is no subsidisation or legislated mandatory use of biofuels.
- > PGA demands a strategy for a secure and guaranteed fuel supply in Australia.
- > PGA opposes net-zero emissions by 2050.
- > PGA opposes Australia being locked into the 2015 Paris Agreement which aims to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C, and preferably 1.5°C, above pre-industrial levels.
- > PGA supports the adoption of an Australian Sustainability Framework for grain production.
- > PGA opposes any State or Federal Government using taxpayer funds to finance carbon sequestration projects.

Biosecurity

PGA believes that biosecurity is a public asset and therefore, is a shared responsibility between all sectors.

Summary

The PGA is committed to working with our members, all stakeholders, and all levels of government to build a grains policy environment that supports the growth, sustainability, and prosperity of Western Australia's agricultural industry.