



Greater transparency is critical for grains industry

Greater transparency, the need for the grains industry to recognise itself as part of the food industry, and the need for increased emphasis on the uptake of outputs from research, development and extension were some of the recommendations put forward at the recent Grains Industry Forum in Sydney.

Grains Council Chairman Murray Jones today released the detailed report from the Grains Industry Forum which was chaired by Rob Delane – Executive Director AQIS, Peter Woods – CEO Wheat Exports Australia, and Peter Reading – Managing Director GRDC.

Mr Jones said one of the recurring themes in most of the panel discussions was the need for greater transparency in the industry.

“Whether it be research and development, biosecurity, or facilitating trade, transparency was a recurring theme that was raised.

“For the market to work efficiently, disclosure of information is essential.

“If one party withholds data, market bias is inevitable, Mr Jones said.

Mr Jones said that there was a need for industry to work together on a voluntary Code of Conduct with support from the Government.

“An industry Code of Conduct would address many of the issues around the need for greater transparency in the industry,” Mr Jones said.

The report makes 20 recommendations to industry and government in the areas of Research and Development, Biosecurity and Quarantine, and Facilitating Trade.

Grains Council will continue to work on some of the recommendations on behalf of the industry, however, encourages industry representatives to contact Grains Council should they wish to form a joint working party to progress specific proposals and/or recommendations.

Grains Council will convene another Grains Industry Forum within the next 12 months to update industry representatives on the progress of the recommendations and to discuss further issues relevant to the whole of industry.

For more information or to obtain the report go to: www.grainscouncil.com

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