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### **Generational change for Grains Council of Australia**

Grains Council today announced that Mr Murray Jones, Chairman of Grains Council of Australia, has retired as Chairman effective immediately, a position he has held since April 2005. Mr Jones will remain as a member of the Board.

Former South Australian Farmers Federation Grains Chairman and current Grains Council Deputy Chairman, Jamie Smith, has been appointed by Board as Chairman until the Grains Council Annual General Meeting.

Mr Smith said Murray Jones has been an excellent Chairman and Board member, investing his valuable time, talent, passion and wisdom, to help the Grains Council of Australia.

"Murray Jones has made a substantial contribution to the Australian grains industry and agriculture in general over the past three decades – on a national level and state level in Western Australia and Queensland," he said.

Mr Jones said it was important to have a generational change within the industry to encourage young and enthusiastic people to get more involved in the critical decision making process in their \$7Billion industry.

"While it has been a challenging couple of years in the grains industry, I believe the industry is moving forward and ready to embrace change.

"I would like to thank the Board and Policy Council members of Grains Council and staff who have supported me over the years. I have valued their commitment, energy and assistance.

"I wish Jamie all the best in leading Grains Council to a new phase, I believe he will do an outstanding job," Mr Jones said.

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