

# NATIONAL GROWER REPRESENTATION

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## National Grower Representation – Why?

**To increase the productivity and/or profitability of grain growers in Australia.**

- This is done by working with all influencing organisations, government agencies and others in the value chain, in developing and implementing policies that provide the above objective.

## National Grower Representation – How?

A national body that is broadly representative and allows for broad grower participation. Positions and policies would be developed from the ground up.

It would concentrate on those roles and functions that are of clear interest and impact to growers, and that are not addressed adequately by others. Where matters are addressed by others it would seek to influence and have a representative role.

Operations would be open and transparent, committee-based, equitable in funding and operation and not dependant on any one or subset of organisations.

It would consult as necessary with others in the value chain, seek expertise, be professional and flexible and not duplicate other activities.

Any grower and group can participate in the processes, including nominating for a role in any part of the body.

It would set up systems allowing all growers to have input and to receive communications on activities of the body.

It would hold regional activities where grower involvement and participation in identifying policy options, and in nominating people for positions in committees and Board is done.

## Funding

- No matter where funding comes from for a national grain body, grain producers end up paying.
- The proposal is for a national voluntary production based levy.

Given total grain production per year nationally is in the order of 35 million tonnes, a levy struck at 0.025 % is suggested.

From a grower perspective, this equates to 2.5 cents per \$100 of grain income.

A more detailed document presents the full Operational and Funding plan.