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New Member for Grains Council

Grains Council of Australia (GCA) Chairman Murray Jones is pleased to announce the acceptance of the Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) as its newest member.

Mr Jones said that there was unanimous support by GCA members for West Australian based COGGO to become a member.

"As the peak grains industry body, it is critical that we have national representation around the policy making table.

"While we value the representation of the state farming organisations, we made a decision to open our membership to ensure that we truly represent the voice of the grains industry at a national level.

"We are pleased to have representation from Western Australia back at GCA and I would like to welcome COGGO as our first new member in 78 years," Mr Jones said.

With approximately 2000 WA members, COGGO covers nearly half the state's growers.

All COGGO Board members are grain growers: Bruce Piper, Aiden Obst, Bruce Eyres, Christopher Roberts, Steven Rowe, John Carstairs and Gerard Paganoni.

Mr Jones said there has been significant change within the grains industry over the past few years and GCA has had to evolve to ensure the industry is represented on national issues.

"Our current focus is developing robust policy around critical issues that require a united national approach including: climate change, research and development, biosecurity and quarantine, trade and infrastructure.

"These are important issues for growers and we need strong industry representation."

Mr Jones said that he would also like NSW to have a voice around the national policy table as it is now the only state is not represented.

"The doors are open at Grains Council for both new and past members," said Mr Jones.

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