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Crops Section
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Via e-mail: wheatportcodereview@aff.gov.au

Second review of the Wheat Port Code

Dear Madam/Sir

The PGA position is for the Code to sunset as planned on 1 October 2024.

This position has been informed by participation on the previous wheat port Code Development Advisory Committee and subsequent reviews of the Code.

The PGA has consistently supported the complete deregulation of Australia's wheat marketing arrangements.

The PGA notes that one of the objectives of the Code is to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on port terminal service providers (when compared to the access test undertakings required by the former Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008). Consequently, the PGA does not support the recommendation from the 2017-18 review of extending the code to cover all grains.

As the discussion paper notes the ACCC perceives a risk that the Wheat Port Code in its current form is imposing an unnecessary regulatory burden that raises an additional barrier to entry and could negatively affect the development of competition amongst PTSPs.

Whilst the PGA appreciates the Code has served a purpose businesses have entered and exited the market, or changed hands, and new supply chain technologies and business arrangements have been developed such as mobile loaders and transshipment vessels.

Yours Faithfully

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