



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into Operational Issues in Export Grain Networks

Public Hearings: Adelaide – Tuesday, 30 August 2011

Perth – Wednesday, 31 August 2011

As part of its Inquiry into Operation issues in export grain networks, the Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Committee will hold public hearings in Adelaide (30 August) and Perth (31 August).

Adelaide

The hearing in Adelaide is being held at Cliftons, Level 1, 80 King William Street. It will commence at 9.00 am and conclude at 3.30 pm.

Perth

The hearing in Perth is being held at the Assured Ascot Quays Apartment Hotel, 150 Great Eastern Highway. The hearing will commence at 9.00 am and conclude at 1.45 pm.

Both hearings will be chaired by Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan.

Please see the hearing programs below for details regarding witnesses appearing at the hearings.

**Cliftons, Level 1, 80 King William Street
Adelaide**

Time	Witness	Sub No.
9:00am	Wheat Exports Australia Mr Peter Woods, Chief Executive Officer	7
9:45am	Australian Grains Exporters Association - via teleconference Mr Robert Green, President Ms Rosemary Richards, Executive Officer	20
10:30am	Southern Agventure Limited - via teleconference Mr Geoff Breust, Managing Director	4
11:15–11:30 am	Morning Tea Break	
11:30am	South Australian Farmers Federation Grains Industry Committee Mr Michael Schaefer, Chair Mr Philip Wilsdon, Vice Chair Mr Darren Arney, Consultant	13
12:15	Mr Malcolm Bartholomaeus, Grains analyst	No submission

12:45–1:45pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1:45pm	JK International Pty Ltd - via teleconference Mr Peter Wilson, Manager Global Supply Chain Mr Sandeep Mohan, Chief Executive Officer	16
2:30pm	Viterra Limited Mr Rob Gordon, President, South East Asia Mr Dean McQueen, Executive Manager Grain Mr Damian Fitzgerald, Director Legal Mr Tim Krause, General Manager Grain – Strategy & Compliance	18
3:30 pm	<i>Adjournment of Hearing</i>	

**Assured Ascot Quays Apartment Hotel, 150 Great Eastern Hwy
Perth**

Time	Witness	Sub No.
9:00am	Pastoralists' and Graziers Association of WA Mr John Snooke, Western Graingrowers Chairman Mr Leon Bradley	5
9:45am	GrainCorp Operations Limited - via teleconference Mr Nigel Hart, Group General Manager Storage and Logistics Mr Neil Johns, Chief Development Officer	12
10:30–10:45 am	<i>Morning Tea Break</i>	
10:45am	Cargill/AWB (Australia) Limited - via teleconference Mr Geoff Barker, Merchandising Manager Mr Peter McBride, Director – Corporate Affairs	14
11:30am	Grain Trade Australia - via teleconference Mr Geoff Honey, Chief Executive Officer	17
12:15pm	WA Farmers' Federation – Grains Section Mr Kim Simpson, President Grains Section Ms Danielle Whitfield, Executive Officer Grains Section	No Submission
1:00pm	CBH Dr Andy Crane, Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Codling, General Counsel Mr Paul Scott, Government Relations Manager	No Submission
1:45 pm	<i>Adjournment of Hearing</i>	

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing. People who are unable to attend can follow the proceedings using the live audio feed available on the Parliament of Australia website:

<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

A Hansard transcript of the hearing will also be made and will be available on the committee website in due course.

Further information about the committee's inquiry is available on the committee's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rat_ctte/grains_2011/index.htm or by telephoning the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 3511. The committee is still accepting submissions to this inquiry. Submissions can be lodged online at the committee website, emailed to rat.sen@aph.gov.au or posted to:

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