

Member Update

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TOPIC: Invitation to a Forum – Defining the Information Technology Advisory Committee

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1. Background

GTA Board approved the establishment of a new Technical Committee. This committee, the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), has a focus on the data and transactional areas of the grain industry.

The decision to introduce ITAC was based on the grain industry's high reliance on data and transaction processes, the many interactions between value chain participants, combined with the rapid pace of innovation in information technology. This flow of data is important to the efficient facilitation of trade across the value chain.

The nature and flow of data means there is potential scope for a broad and neutral organisation (such as GTA) to play a role in providing a collaborative and consultative platform for a cross section of industry. GTA has no commercial advantage and such collaboration may add value and improve facilitation of trade.

High level principles and objectives of ITAC include:

- a. Seek opportunity to improve the facilitation of trade through collaboration whilst acknowledging the value of investment, innovation and differentiation to the competitive process.
- b. Identification of risks, gaps and opportunities for the grains industry from a data and information technology perspective.
- c. Provide a consultative and advisory function to GTA Board, Technical Committees and, on behalf of industry to stakeholders including Government Departments, Agencies and other relevant stakeholders.
- d. Identification of opportunities to improve data exchange across industry and Governments (local and global) to improve efficient facilitation of trade.

2. Forum - Defining the Information Technology Advisory Committee

Prior to the formation of the new Technical Committee GTA are calling for member involvement in the final design of the ITAC. To facilitate involvement GTA are to hold a Forum in Melbourne at **1.00 pm on 9 May 2018** with the purpose of allowing the wider member base to discuss and provide input into the:

- a. Finalisation of the Terms of Reference for the new Technical Committee;
- b. Confirm the ITAC Principles and Objectives;
- c. Identification of specific opportunities to improve data across industry; and
- d. Assist with shaping the ITAC role and direction regarding new emerging technology.

Detailed Forum information, and an invitation to attend the Forum is available on the GTA website – [click here to view the flyer and program.](#)

3. Call for Nomination to join the Information Technology Advisory Committee

GTA are calling for nominations to join this new Technical Committee from Members. Nominations close on Friday 4th May, 2018. Please send the completed [GTA Technical Committee Nomination Form](#) and [Supporting Information Form](#) to submissions@graintrade.org.au.

GTA Technical Committees are responsible to the GTA Board and the nominations, committee structure and activities are guided by the GTA Technical Committee Charter available on the GTA website <http://www.graintrade.org.au/committees>