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**Media Release – Embargoed for Release until 10am 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018****Goyder to lead Grain Trade Australia**

**Melbourne** - Grain Trade Australia (GTA) has announced Mr Andrew Goyder from Western Australia as its new Chairman. Mr Goyder replaces Mr Peter Reading, who has retired as GTA Chair after 6 years in role. The announcement was made at the Australian Grains Industry Conference (AGIC) in Melbourne on August 1, 2018.

Mr Reading said “the timing is right from both an industry and organisation perspective for change in the important role of GTA Chairman. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve both the grains industry and GTA members, and I am pleased to be passing the role to a person of Andrew’s calibre. I know he will provide strong leadership and guidance to GTA going forward.”

Mr Goyder has a long successful record in the grains industry, and currently is Principal of GrainLink Pty Ltd, a medium size grain marketing business in Western Australia; as well as currently sitting on the GTA Board. “I am humbled and gracious that the GTA Board has shown confidence in me to provide leadership to GTA and the grains industry, and I look forward to working with the Board, GTA staff and importantly GTA Members and continuing the focus on delivering value to GTA members and the grains industry.”

Mr Goyder said, “GTA knows it does not have a right to exist, and that it must continually provide value to Members. We will continue to work hard on ensuring our products and services including the Trading Standards, contracts, Trade Rules and the Australian Grains Industry Code of Practice meet the needs of our Members and the broader industry. One of the great strengths of GTA is the support it receives from its Members, but we never take this for granted, not for one second”.

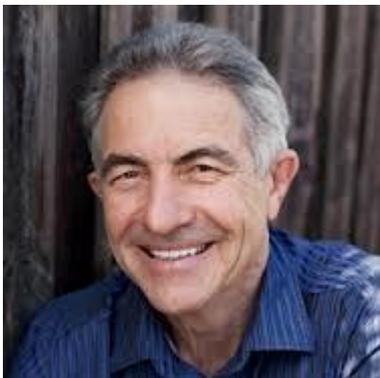


Figure 2: Peter Reading, Retiring Chairman of GTA

Mr Goyder said, “On behalf of GTA and the grains industry, I would like to acknowledge and thank Peter Reading for his enormous contribution to our industry. Not only has Peter provided great leadership to GTA, but he has also lead GRDC and played a key role in important moments in the industry’s history such as the merger of CBH and WA Grain Pool.”

Mr Reading replied, “it is enormously satisfying to see the strong evolution that has occurred in the grains industry. The industry is well positioned, and I have great confidence in its future, and expect to see it continue to grow, and know that GTA will continue to play an important role in that growth.”

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**About GTA:**

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is the focal point for the commercial grain industry within Australia. GTA members are responsible for over 95% of all grain storage and freight movements made each year in Australia. Over 95% of the grain contracts executed in Australia each year refer to GTA grain standards and/or trade rules.

The role of GTA is to provide a framework across industry to facilitate and promote the trade of grain. It provides a foundation upon which the grain industry can operate with confidence meaning participants of the grain value chain can originate grain from producers, manage price and logistical risks, and manage the task of moving grain from farm and central storage to domestic and off-shore destination markets with confidence in the grain product and the terms of trade. GTA plays its part in the value chain by providing core products of Trading Standards, Contracts, Trade Rules, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Professional Development and advocacy for Market Access to give the industry a sound foundation for the commerce of grain

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Figure 1: Andrew Goyder, New Chairman of GTA