



## TASMANIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION

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### **TFGA Submission – 2017/18 GTA Standards**

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TFGA) is the leading representative body for Tasmanian primary producers. TFGA members are responsible for generating approximately 80% of the value created by the Tasmanian agricultural sector.

Agriculture is one of the key pillars of the economy and, with the current level of support from government, are well positioned to further capitalise on the stature of Tasmanian agriculture.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates that Tasmania's Gross State Product for 2014-15 was \$25.42 billion. Agriculture, forestry and fishing in 2014-15 was Tasmania's largest industry representing 9.6% (\$2.29B) of Tasmania's total gross value added.

The TFGA is grateful for the opportunity to make comments following the second Industry call for submissions by Grain Trade Australia (GTA).

The first call for submissions by GTA was followed by a GrainGrowers submission outlining the numerous requests from Tasmanian growers and contractors asking for a review of the grain moisture content receival standards. As the GrainGrowers submission would have made you aware, Tasmanian growers and contractors have been increasingly dealing with multinational companies using the GTA standards, which disallows grain to be received above 12.5% moisture.

The 2016/17 season in Tasmania was a difficult year for most growers and contractors as they risked compromising the quality of the grain to allow for moisture levels to dip to 12.5%, below an average 13-14% moisture if not higher.

The TFGA asks why Tasmanian climate and conditions are not considered in regard to the current standard; the TFGA notes that the New Zealand receival standards sit at 14% and the UK at 14.5%. If 12.5% moisture is continued to be used as the Tasmanian receival standard then the promising future of the grain industry in this state will be compromised.

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**The TFGA supports GrainGrowers proposal that the moisture receival standard for cereals is amended to 13.5%.**

Please contact the TFGA if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish at the end.

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