

# Member Update

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TOPIC: 2024/2025 GTA Technical Committee Nominations

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## 1 Call for Nominations

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is now calling for 2024/2025 Technical Committee & Domestic Sector Council nominations. Applicants will be selected by the GTA Board at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Tuesday 29th of October 2024.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY OCTOBER 4, 2024**

## 2 Current GTA Committee Members – MUST RE-APPLY

All appointments to the GTA Technical Committees & Domestic Sector Council are for one year only, therefore **current members must re-apply** if they wish to be considered for a position on a GTA Technical Committee for 2024/2025.

## 3 Supporting Documentation

Intending applicants to GTA Technical Committees & Domestic Sector Council are advised to consult the following documents on the GTA website prior to submitting their nomination.

- [Charter of the Technical Committees](#)
- [GTA Committee Expense Guidelines](#)

## 4 GTA Technical Committees – General Information

GTA Technical Committees & Domestic Sector Council are **skills-based** appointments.

The GTA Board will appoint members based on the applicant's technical competency within the Committee's scope whilst mindful that the Committee should, where possible, have representation from:

- All sectors of the grain supply chain, affected by the decisions of the committee;
- Large and small organisations; and
- All major grain production and trading states.

The scope of each of the Technical Committee & Domestic Sector Council can be found at Item 8 below.

The GTA Board relies on the Technical Committees & Domestic Sector Council to consider these and other subsequent issues that may have a potential impact on GTA services to Members, and to advise the Board on appropriate action. Therefore, all nominees should be confident to openly discuss and provide input toward decisions.

GTA Technical Committees & Domestic Sector Council meet 4-8 times per year via video conference. Some Committees may hold in-person meetings during the year (e.g. Trading Standards).

Members are responsible for their own telecommunications and travel costs.

GTA Technical Committee & Domestic Sector Council Members agree to participate on a Committee and / or Council for the benefit of all GTA Members. **They do not represent the interests of any one industry sector, private or public organisation.**

## **5 Vacancies**

Nominations are sought for the following GTA Committees & Councils:

- Commerce
- Trading Standards
- Trade & Market Access
- Transport, Storage & Ports
- Plant Breeding for Innovation
- Information Technology Advisory
- Domestic Sector Council

## **6 Nominations**

Only financial members of GTA can nominate for a Technical Committee & Domestic Sector Council position. Nominations and Consent to Act Forms are available online for your convenience:

- [Submit your Nomination online on GTA website](#)

## **7 Closing Date and Completed Forms**

Completed forms must reach GTA **no later than** the close of business on **Friday 04 October 2024**.

For any questions, please email: [admin@graintrade.org.au](mailto:admin@graintrade.org.au)

## 8 Scope of the GTA Technical Committees and member requirements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMERCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members should possess a sound commercial understanding of the use and implementation of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GTA Trade Rules</li> <li>• GTA Contracts and Agreements</li> <li>• GTA Arbitration process and Dispute Resolution Rules</li> <li>• GTA Location Differentials</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members should possess a sound working knowledge of the development and industry adherence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GTA Trading Standards for cereals and coarse grains</li> <li>• Quality assurance issues across the industry in areas including Technology Development, Methods and Food Safety</li> <li>• Key publications such as the Visual Standards Recognition Guide</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRADE &amp; MARKET ACCESS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members should possess a sound working knowledge of GTA and Industry policies relating to market access of key domestic and overseas markets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-tariff trade measures (NTMs)</li> <li>• Regulatory issues impacting grain market access.</li> <li>• Global Low-Level Presence (LLP) initiatives</li> <li>• Biosafety Protocol (BSP) / Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</li> <li>• The International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRANSPORT, STORAGE &amp; PORTS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members should have a thorough understanding of the commercial impact of key issues in this area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grain transport and movement by road and rail including industry and regulatory developments</li> <li>• Container packing, storage and handling and the movement of grain through up-country networks</li> <li>• Regulatory issues impacting grain transport, storage, port operations and access</li> <li>• Occupational health and safety</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMITTEE FOR PLANT BREEDING INNOVATION</b></p> <p>Committee members will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with and advise where required, with relevant stakeholders in relation to “pipeline” events intended for cultivation and commercial release.</li> <li>• Act as a point of contact within the grain industry to coordinate activities at an industry/government level on supply chain issues relating to crops containing Innovative Plant Breeding Techniques or approved and unapproved GM events.</li> <li>• Ensure the appropriate commercial processes are established to enable fair and efficient trade of seed for sowing and grain which contains</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sound understanding of the practical applications of Information technology to the grain industry.</li> <li>• A strategic view to improve trade facilitation and efficiency through information technology development and improved business processes.</li> </ul>

<p>approved Innovative Planting Breeding Techniques.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOMESTIC SECTOR COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Council members should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as an advocate and provide leadership for the Australian grain domestic consumption sector.</li> <li>• Engage with all stakeholders and industry participants to promote and support an industry that delivers safe and suitable food to our customers.</li> <li>• Monitor and investigate existing and proposed legislation, rules or ordinances in Australia that may affect the Australian grain industry and make recommendations to address concerns.</li> </ul>	