

# Member Update

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**TOPIC: DAFF – Plant Export Operations – National Anti Corruption Commission Commencement.**

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## 1. Purpose

- The purpose of this Member update is to provide information to GTA members relating to the commencement on 1 July 2023 of the federal Government National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

## 2. Background

- The [NACC](#) and [National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 \(NACC Act\)](#) came into force on 1 July 2023.
- The NACC is an independent Commonwealth agency responsible for investigating corrupt conduct in the public sector.
- The NACC is a whole of government initiative and impacts all government agencies and their providers.
- Any public official acting dishonestly or in a biased way may be investigated by the NACC.
- Any individual acting in a way that may cause a public official to act dishonestly or in a biased way may be investigated by the NACC.
- Any individual can report actual or suspected corrupt conduct to the NACC via their website from 1 July 2023.

## 3. What Does this Mean for the Grain Industry

- The NACC have the jurisdiction to investigate the conduct of government public officials, as well as any individual or entity that performs work for, the Government, including third-party providers, and authorised officers. Individuals who are not public officials may still fall under investigation if they act in a way that might cause a public official to act dishonestly or corrupt manner.
- Grain industry participants that may fall under NACC investigation include:
  1. Authorised Officers that engage in corrupt behaviour as they are deemed Public Officials.
  2. Exporters – as they act as Public Officials through presenting goods to AOs for inspection
  3. Export Registered Establishments – have a responsibility they do not act in a way that could adversely affect a public official's honesty or impartiality in their official capacity.

## 4. For further Information

- If GTA members require further information on this Member Update, please contact GTA at [admin@graintrade.org.au](mailto:admin@graintrade.org.au)