

Member Update

Title: **Call for Support by the Transport Industry**

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Distribution

- GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties

1. Recommendation

Various organisations with interests in the grain industry and grain transport industry including the Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association (LBCA), have called upon GTA to encourage Members to incorporate GTA's Bulk Freight Contract and the Bulk Freight Code of Practice into their business activities.

2. Background

It has also been brought to the attention of GTA that the transport industry is actively encouraging increased government (RTA) intervention to address the issue of 'Chain of Responsibility' and 'Occupational Health and Safety', specifically in relation to loading and unloading.

GTA has typically held a view that increasing government intervention **does not** ultimately encourage industry competition.

With this in mind GTA urges Members to actively promote an improved standard of efficiency in the loading and unloading of trucks, to avoid unnecessary intervention.

Some areas to consider may include:

- providing a degree of scheduling to avoid unnecessary and lengthy delays;
- Providing adequate rest facilities where delays are unavoidable;
- Providing clean-out facilities (where practical) and encourage a level of truck hygiene required to avoid load contamination and the cleaning and the dumping of trailer residue on public roads.

Both the 'Bulk Freight Contract' and the 'Bulk Freight Code of Practice' were developed by GTA in conjunction with the Livestock and Bulk Carriers Association (LBCA). These documents can be found on the GTA website: <http://graintrade.org.au/contracts>. GTA encourages Member feed back in ways to better address these issues.