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AWB vote extended

The NSW Farmers' Association is urging all grain growers to participate in the AWB Limited A class shareholder meeting on Wednesday 3 September 2008, after yesterday's Extraordinary General Meeting was adjourned to allow more time for voting.

NSW Farmers' Association Grains Committee Chair Richard Clark says 74.7 per cent of A class shareholders had voted in support of AWB's plans to end grower control of the company prior to the meeting, falling short of the 75 per cent required before any change can occur to the Constitution.

Those present at the EGM voted to adjourn the meeting on Constitutional reform, extending the voting period by 11 days.

"A strong and united company is essential if AWB is to be competitive this harvest," Mr Clark said.

"It is important that A class shareholders recognise that AWB cannot deliver the best outcome for growers until the AWB Board takes a unified approach on the proposed Constitutional reform," he said.

"With the additional time available to vote, the Association recommends growers look closely at the issue and exercise their right to make an informed decision," Mr Clark concluded.

The meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd September at the office of AWB Limited, 380 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne.

Growers have until 2pm Monday 1 September to lodge postal votes or appoint proxies for the A class meeting. Voting papers can be faxed to 1800 800 053, or growers can vote online at www.awb.com.au. Any questions regarding voting should be directed to 1800 810 032.

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