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NATIONAL GRAINS AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL

The Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc.) (WAFarmers) and NSW Farmers' Association have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to the future of representation of grain growers in Australia.

The new body formed out of the signing today's MoU, National Grains Australia (NGA), will be a collaborative body established and supported by State Farming Organisations in Australia.

NSW Farmers' Association President, Charles Armstrong, says NSW Farmers' Association and WAFarmers intend to work together to provide Australian grain growers effective representation through National Grains Australia.

"Both NSW Farmers' Association and WAFarmers already have strong networks and resources within the industry to make this body work."

"This means we are able to provide Australian grain growers with a strong advocacy service to fill the current void," Mr Armstrong said.

NGA will be an efficient body as it will utilise the existing services of state farming bodies resulting in a better service for growers," Mr Armstrong said.

WAFarmers President, Mike Norton, said the drive from Western Australia and NSW to create National Grains Australia is not surprising, since WA and NSW account for over 60 per cent of both winter and summer crop production.

In an unprecedented move, NGA will also have some links to the National Farmers' Federation.

"Grain production is an integral part of our members operations and WAFarmers, along with the NSW Farmers' Association, want our members, and indeed all grain growers in Australia, to have a relevant body which is in tune with grower needs and without the imposition of any further levies," Mr Norton concluded.

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A copy of the MoU is available on request.