

# Farmers want the Single Desk Policy to stay!



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The NSW Farmers' Association calls on you to listen to the majority of Australian wheat growers as they repeatedly battle to maintain the wheat marketing system that supports them.

Now more than ever, Australia needs the power of a Single Desk wheat export system that has the capacity to extract the highest possible value from heavily subsidised world markets and can deliver these returns back to Australian wheat growers. The Single Desk also delivers a high quality Australian product to our established valued customers and contributes to the development of new markets.

Our members are opposed to deregulation of the export wheat market and the Association has policy, debated by the members, which supports this valuable wheat export system. It does not subsidise Australian farmers and does not penalise other wheat exporting nations, some of whom provide subsidies to their own producers.

At the most recent meeting of the peak body representing Australian grain growers, the Grains Council of Australia (held in Canberra on March 6th 2007), the NSW Farmers Association gave its full support to the following policy in relation to Australia's Wheat Export Single Desk:

***"For the Grains Council of Australia to support the continuation of a single desk for bulk wheat exports, with the manager of the single desk being a 100% grower owned and controlled company or co-operative"***

This policy was formally endorsed by Members of the Grains Council of Australia and it reflects the overwhelming support by members of our Association for the continuation of a wheat export system that continues to deliver benefits to Australian grain producers.

These crucial benefits include such things as the ability to stabilise wheat prices for Australian wheat farmers, to extract premium prices from the world's export wheat market, to provide a valuable Receiver/ buyer of last resort for Aussie wheat and to build on Australia's reputation as a producer and supplier of some of the best food and industrial quality wheat in the world.

**The NSW Farmers' Association is urging the Australian Government to secure the future of Australia's wheat farmers by securing the future of our Single Desk.**

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## NSW Farmers' Association Policy

That the Association support the current wheat single desk export marketing arrangement and its management by AWB International with:

- Improved corporate governance within AWB;
- Increased transparency and independence between AWB International and AWB Limited;
- The provision of data demonstrating an increase in grower returns prior to any decision to change the current structure and marketing arrangement.

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