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WGAG rally signals grower frustration

The Wheat Growers Action Group (WGAG) rally next week in Canberra is a sign of the frustration farmers hold relating to the changes to Wheat Marketing in Australia, according to the NSW Farmers' Association.

The NSW Farmers' Association supports the right for the WGAG to hold the rally.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie is calling on all wheat growers to attend the WGAG rally to ensure their concerns are being heard by Government and the Opposition.

"I have been in consultation with members of the Wheat Growers Action Group and they say growers still have major issues with the Wheat Export Marketing Bill," Mr Laurie said.

Mr Laurie said Members of the NSW Farmers' Association also hold concerns with the changes under new arrangements for wheat marketing.

The Wheat Export Marketing Bill has been approved by Federal Parliament in the House of Representatives.

"This Bill now requires further debate by the Federal Senate before it is made law as early as July this year – so time is running out for growers to make a difference," Mr Laurie said.

The rally will be held on Monday 16 June at Old Parliament House in Canberra, starting at 10:30am. The rally will then move to the front lawn of Parliament House.

Members of the NSW Farmers' Association wanting to attend the rally should contact their Regional Service Manager or alternatively their local branch or district council chairman or secretary to enquire about transport arrangements from their area.

Members are asked to register their attendance to the rally by Friday 13 June by calling 1300 794 000 or online at www.nswfarmers.org.au

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