



Frome Electorate Office

Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



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GRAIN RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING HARVEST DELIVERY

It has been brought to Geoff's attention that some roads accessing entry to strategic Grain Sites are not gazetted to allow the utilisation of HML Vehicles to enter some Sites.

The situation, affects the cost effectiveness of grain delivery to some strategic sites including Snowtown and Balaklava.

Geoff has requested an urgent meeting with Minister Koutsantonis together with stakeholders involved in delivery of grain in the Electorate of Frome.

These Stakeholders will include, the grain industry, Wakefield Regional Council, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, in an attempt to reach a resolution which will allow HML (Higher Mass Limit) vehicles to access these strategic sites during this harvest.

As Chairperson of the Select Grain Committee investigating the Grain Handling Industry Geoff is concerned that there appears to have been no action from the recommendations made in the Report which was received by Parliament some months ago.

One of recommendations was for the State Government, in consultation with Local Councils, Transport Industry, and appropriate Grain Industry Representatives, to establish a working group to work collaboratively to identify priority needs and to provide direct and appropriate access for all heavy vehicles between main roads and storage sites to ensure maximum benefit is achieved during harvest periods.

Geoff will be requesting urgent attention to overcome this anomaly.

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