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Night movement allowed for oversize agricultural vehicles

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Primary producers across the State will be able to obtain permits from 1 September to shift oversize or overmass agricultural machinery at night.

This is the latest outcome of the joint State Government and Primary Producers SA 90 Day Change @ SA Improving Road Transport for the Agriculture Industry Project.

In response to recommendations from the project, the State Government has been working with 53 Councils across South Australia to agree conditions to safely allow this movement to occur at night.

To date, 43 Councils have agreed and permits will be available in these areas. Discussions with the remaining 10 Councils are expected to be concluded within the next few months.

Previously, the only oversize agricultural machines and vehicles permitted to travel at night in South Australia were grape harvesters and vehicles used for canola farming. These exemptions were granted as cooler harvesting conditions are required to preserve the crop.

To view the range of conditions and to apply for a permit for night movement of oversize or overmass agricultural machinery (from 1 September) visit: www.sa.gov.au/topics/transport-travel-and-motoring/ezyreg

Background

The 90 Day project 'Improving Road Transport for the Agriculture Industry' is a collaboration between Primary Industries and Regions SA, Primary Producers SA and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

For more information and for a list of Council approvals visit: www.pir.sa.gov.au/roadtransport

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Night travel on roads for oversize vehicles, particularly for our grain producers, will be welcome news as there's a requirement for grain harvesting to be carried out at night during periods of high daytime temperatures.

This latest initiative will help to reduce any delays in sowing time, spraying and harvesting, providing yet another key efficiency for producers.

Allowing night movement access is a key regional outcome from this project and clearly supports the State Government's economic priority of *Premium food and wine produced in our clean environment and exported to the world.*

Not only will it provide vast improvements for our agricultural producers, but it will also build on the benefits that have already been delivered from this transport project, which industry believe to be currently estimated at \$36 million.

This initiative, allowing night movement for oversize machinery, strikes the right balance between helping our farmers be more efficient and ensuring the roads remain safe for all road users.

It allows greater flexibility for the movement of agricultural machinery and equipment, especially for night harvesting operations.

Quotes attributable to Chair Primary Producers South Australia Rob Kerin

Grain Producers SA estimates that night movement alone will allow the 3000 grain farmers across the state more flexibility in their seeding and harvesting operations.

This latest outcome from this transport project has the potential benefit of more than \$20 million to South Australian grain growers alone due to more timely seeding and reductions in harvest delays.