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Dear Valeriia,

**NHVR Issues Paper: Grain Harvest Management Schemes Review**

The Department of State Growth welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Issues Paper titled “*Grain Harvest Management Schemes Review*” (“the Review”) released by the NHVR on 22 August 2019.

The Review indicates that state-based Grain Harvest Management Schemes exist in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, whilst South Australia runs a mass loading management concession applicable to grain transport.

Whilst there are many commonalities in the schemes, they are quite varied in the allowances or concessions, and conditions. The intent of most of the schemes appears to be first and foremost to assist with vehicle loading compliance, rather than being productivity schemes.

Tasmania does not offer a similar scheme for transport of grains from farms to grain receiver. The scale of grain production in Tasmania is extremely low compared to other states, with ABARES reporting<sup>[1]</sup> for 2017/18 a Tasmanian harvest total of

- 24 kT course grains (0.2% of Australian total 11,991 kT), and
- 30 kT of wheat (0.1% of Australian total 21,244 kT).

It is likely that this small scale has historically limited the benefit of developing a separate scheme for Tasmania.

The Department of State Growth will be interested to consider the feedback from the other jurisdictions and also from Tasmanian industry arising from the Review, and will consider involvement in a nationally harmonised scheme which focuses on helping transporters to achieve compliance.

If you have further questions regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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<sup>[1]</sup> <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/agricultural-commodities/agricultural-commodities-trade-data#agricultural-commodities>