

## GRAINGROWERS STATEMENT REGARDING APVMA'S PARAQUAT DECISION

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The APVMA's final regulatory ruling relating to the use of paraquat handed down today demonstrates progress from the preliminary determination but still impacts some major application rates.

GrainGrowers Chair Rhys Turton said research from across industry had been critical in ensuring science-based evidence was submitted to the APVMA.

"GrainGrowers has worked closely with industry to demonstrate the importance of these herbicides in Australian farming systems," Mr Turton said.

"They underpin the sustainable grain production methods we practise today, which reduce soil erosion and fuel requirements on farm.

"Today's ruling includes revised assessments which will restrict some major application rates, but it is positive that science-based evidence has prevailed in important areas of this decision.

"We thank all our growers who took part in surveys, trials on their farm and the grains industry experts who painstakingly compiled evidence.

"The GrainGrowers team will continue to work on behalf of its grower members and other key industry groups."

Mr Turton said industry must continue to work on alternative chemistries to ensure growers have all the tools available to them.

"GrainGrowers will continue to work with the GRDC to ensure adequate ongoing research and development investment in maintaining existing chemistry and developing new solutions for Australian grain production.

"We now must look forward and work to ensure Australian growers can continue to do what they do best – produce world class food for customers here and abroad."

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