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### Grains Select Committee interim report to spearhead change

With the tabling of the interim report of the Select Committee on the Grain Handling Industry Shadow Agriculture Minister Adrian Pederick said there were many areas for improvement in South Australia's grain handling practices.

Mr Pederick, whose motion established the parliamentary committee, said information and early recommendations presented in the interim report released today would be of benefit to this year's harvest.

'The final report will be presented in 2012 but there are a number of positive things that are already apparent,' Mr Pederick said.

'With another big harvest expected this season, the Select Committee will have the chance to observe the strengths and weaknesses of harvest management procedures and monitor operations of all grains industry players.

'We know where the bottlenecks and inefficiencies are. Now we can identify further opportunities across the grain handling spectrum and have the knowledge to make clear and confident recommendations as to how the industry can be streamlined.

'While certain specific issues caused much angst last harvest, it is clear the need for change is much broader and involves all grain handling and market participants at all levels from the grower to the exporter.

'And there are things we can push for at the national level that will be of benefit to all of us.'

**\*\* Addendum: Recommendations of interim report.**

1. That GTA be required to mandate that, in the case of a disputed grain classification, an objective measurement be made available to the farmer at the sampling point.
2. That the relevant Commonwealth and State Ministers be requested to provide direction to the industry on the implementation and enforcement of a dispute resolution process that mandates the use of objective tests.
3. That grain handling and storage operators be required to publish an annual management plan for receival sites prior to each harvest. The management plan is to be prepared in consultation with Silo Committees, Local Government and other relevant stakeholders.
4. That information re stock levels and grades be made available in a timely manner to farmers and traders to ensure transparency and fairness.

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