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2015 GIWA Barley Standards Review

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In response to industry demand the Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) Inc. has convened the GIWA Barley Standards Review Committee to undertake a review of Barley Standards in Western Australia.

The purpose of the GIWA Barley Standards Review 2015 is to ensure that grain standards applied to Western Australia's barley crop are fit-for-purpose.

The GIWA Barley Standards Review Committee is chaired by Lake King grower, Steve Tilbrook and consists of members of the GIWA Barley Council and four external invited individuals.

'A specific outcome for the barley industry from the WA Grain Industry 2025+ Strategy is to ensure receival standards closely match market demand,' said Steve Tilbrook, Chair, GIWA Barley Standards Review Committee.

GIWA is responsible for setting the grain standards in Western Australia and plays an important role in the industry's self-regulation of grain standards which are designed to ensure the value of the barley industry continues to grow.

'Any changes to receival standards are designed to result in a net positive gain to growers,' said Mr Tilbrook.

GIWA will use the feedback received to prepare a response to industry, shared with Grain Trade Australia, by the end of February 2016. Any changes affecting planting decisions will be for implementation in the 2017/2018 harvest.

All members within the grain value chain are welcome to prepare a submission for consideration by the Review Committee. The Terms of Reference for the GIWA Barley Standards Review, details about the Review Committee and the submission process can be found on the GIWA website at:

www.giwa.org.au/standards. Submissions to the Standards Review are now open and are **due by Friday, 18th September, 2015.**

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