

NOTICE

Review of the Grain Marketing Act 2002

FINAL REPORT TABLED IN PARLIAMENT

Treasurer Eric Ripper has released the Economic Regulation Authority's [Final Report](#) on its review of the Grain Marketing Act 2002.

Lyndon Rowe, the Authority's Chairman, said the inquiry found that retaining Western Australia's current restrictions on the export of barley, canola and lupins was unlikely to deliver a net public benefit.

The inquiry recommended that exports of the three grains from WA - the only State to still regulate them - should be deregulated in time for the 2009/10 harvest.

If accepted, the recommendation would mean that the Grain Licensing Authority would no longer need to assess export licences.

The inquiry also found that public dissemination of grain information (such as storage and export quantities) would foster further competition in WA's coarse grains market.

In preparing the Final Report, the Authority conducted two rounds of public consultation and received 15 public submissions.

The Authority would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have participated in the development of the Authority's Final Report and recommendations.

A copy of the [report](#) is available on the Authority's web site.

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