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Pederick to push for over-arching grain authority

Establishing an over-arching grain industry authority in SA will be on the agenda of Shadow Agriculture Minister Adrian Pederick following his visit to Canada.

The successful mission to learn more about the Canadian grain industry has been undertaken by Mr Pederick as part of his role with the select committee on grain handling.

The South Australian Parliamentary Select Committee on the Grain Handling Industry was successfully established by Mr Pederick following last season's harvest, and he was joined on the Canada tour by committee colleagues Geoff Brock and Leon Bignell.

Meetings with Canadian International Grains Institute representatives formed the basis of the research trip, which was aimed at examining all aspects of grain handling, storage, transport and processing.

Meetings were also held with representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board, the Canadian Grain Commission and Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Facilities owned and managed by Paterson Global Foods - a conglomerate of international Agri-Food and related businesses, James Richardson International – whose services include grain handling, merchandising and logistics and Viterra were also visited to better understand grain handling processes.

"Through this investigation in Canada I believe the select committee representatives have gained a valuable insight into the Canadian grains industry that will assist our deliberations into grain handling in South Australia," Mr Pederick said.

Caption;

Mr Pederick discusses grain handling processes with Earl Geddes, executive director of Canadian International Grains Institute (left), and Craig Riddell, proprietor of Riddell Seed Company (right).

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