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Pederick gains support for Select Committee into grain handling

A Select Committee into grain handling in South Australia has been established by the state parliament.

Introduced by the Shadow Minister for Agriculture Adrian Pederick, the motion was supported by both sides of the House of Assembly.

Mr Pederick proposed the committee investigate the grain handling industry, and in particular;

- the capacity of the market to ensure a vigorous and competitive marketplace for grain growers;
- grain classification and standards, and whether internationally approved grain testing options should be available to growers on request;
- service delivery, including human resources, operating hours and storage capacity of grain handling points;
- export and shipping arrangements, including port access and associated costs;
- grain quality management, including receiving and out-turn;
- open and transparent information on all grains, including stock disclosures;
- adequacy of road and transport infrastructure for the grain industry; and
- any other related matter.

The five member committee is comprised of Mr Pederick and Tim Whetstone from the opposition benches, Leon Bignell and Tony Piccolo from the government and independent Geoff Brock.

Mr Pederick said committee members would travel the state to consult widely with farmers and grain handlers as well as others in communities affected by grain handling procedures.

'I am delighted to have received unanimous, bi-partisan support for this important inquiry,' Mr Pederick said.

'The committee will aim to complete its enquiries and present its findings by mid-September 2011.

'As a grain grower myself before entering parliament, I know how frustrating and costly the grain handling process can be.

'This committee will look at all aspects of the whole industry with a view to improving outcomes for everybody involved.'