

SHAPING THE PLAN

GRDC prioritises engagement and consultation across industry through our Regional Panels and National Grower Network, at events and forums, and out in the paddock.

This plan is no exception – the result of both a dedicated consultation process and ongoing conversations between GRDC’s passionate team and growers, advisers, researchers and other grains industry stakeholders on the ground across Australia.

To capture the breadth and diversity of views, the consultation process to develop the RD&E Plan 2023-28 was the most extensive ever. A deliberative engagement strategy was implemented aligned to the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Best Practice Guide to Stakeholder Consultation and in accordance with the PIRD Act. Key insight and feedback was collected and considered over 10 months, including over 120 hours of grower

interviews, roundtable discussions, workshops, online surveys, social media campaigns and email feedback – enabling everyone the chance to be heard.

Starting with the current state of the industry, further in-depth analysis was undertaken to identify 12 trends and drivers expected to shape the industry’s future. Through conversation, feedback and discussion across industry, the consultation process informed what the plan should aspire to achieve, established strategic pillars and identified areas of research focus.

The result is a plan which is 100 per cent driven to address the opportunities and challenges facing Australian grain growers today and tomorrow.

‘It is evident in the plan that GRDC has taken on broad stakeholder input to get to this point... This speaks to GRDC’s achievement here in an inclusive and considered process.’

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