

Please find below my views for the submission-

Thevenard is a Port that would benefit from an exemption from the wheat Code especially given that the majority of commodities that go through the port are non - wheat and yet are bound by the rules that govern wheat.

Any port in South Australia that gets an exemption from the Code would be at an advantage compared to other ports with the full regulation as exporters would be attracted to that port.

My Three Main Reasons are -

- It would increase flexibility when dealing with exporters. This would encourage exporters to come to South Australia and buy grain.

- It would simplify the rules around loading vessels and capacity allocation at ports. Once again this is about encouraging exporters to come to South Australia to compete to buy grain.

- It would reduce the cost of regulatory compliance and improve the competitiveness of South Australia grain in the global market.

- The differential between the Port of Thevenard compared to Port Lincoln and Adelaide is \$ 15.00 per tonne for the 2020/21 season.

- All Growers on the Upper Eyre Peninsula are very much disadvantaged by the Port Coding which is in place at the moment. However, any charges that can be saved by the Growers would be greatly appreciated.

As a grower having completed my 49th cropping program and coming into our 5th generation on the farm, I have great concerns for the future of grain growing on Eyre Peninsula.

Kind Regards,

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