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# **BELONG TO THE GROUP WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR INDUSTRY**

## **VFF GRAINS GROUP**

**Victorian Farmers Federation Grains Group is a lobby and advocacy group funded by grains farmer membership payments. It is a strong dedicated voice for Victoria's grain farmers.**



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## VFF Grains Membership at work:

1. Reduced grain payment terms reduced from 30 to 15 days
2. Secure payment terms now offered by 3 large bulk handlers
3. Extended the Drought Road Train Network in North West Victoria
4. Tracked and half tracked tractors now permissible on Victorian roads
5. Increased agricultural machinery access- now 80% of ag machinery movements no longer need permits
6. Rate relief for drought impacted farmers in the Millewa
7. Increased dimension limits for ag machinery in peri-urban areas such as Waurin Ponds, Winchelsea, Moriac and Sunbury
8. Increased high productivity freight vehicle access on local roads

## THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING



**Shape industry's future** – through a wide range of representation opportunities unique to VFF members including local, state and National government and industry committees.



**Professional advice** – providing you with access to a range of professionals with commodity-specific knowledge, in addition to land management and planning, water, communication and advocacy expertise.



**Political advocacy** – providing a dedicated agriculture voice in Melbourne to ensure city-centric politicians are making sensible decisions and the right investments in rural and regional Victoria.



**A like-minded network** – a vehicle to engage with like-minded individuals, to share and learn from experiences and meet new friends, colleagues and mentors, and expand your network.



**Community engagement** – engaging with the community, through various forums including the media, to ensure farmers and agriculture are accurately portrayed.

**We continue to lobby on your behalf on the following on-going issues:**



**Member benefits** – enjoy a wide range of discounts and benefits on energy, insurance, accommodation, feed testing and more

- ▶ Maintaining primary producer registration and fuel discounts
- ▶ Minimising red-tape
- ▶ Fit for purpose infrastructure
- ▶ Ensuring access to critical inputs
- ▶ Finishing the Murray Basin Rail Project
- ▶ Telehandler licensing



**Specialist information** – access to our workplace relations team which provides you with tailored advice on workplace matters.

“Being a VFF member has been invaluable in the knowledge that's who the Government go to for their information and the benefit of that access which comes back to all farmers. VFF as a group has an influential voice which no individual producer could hope for”

“ Greg Ruwoldt, Kewell

“The advocacy the VFF does on behalf of farmers is vital for ensuring our industry has a strong future. Its only by working together that we can ensure our voices are heard. As a young farmer I also find the up to date information and events as well as the opportunity to network with other farmers from across Victoria really useful for my business”

“ Al Gabb, Skipton

“VFF have been great to deal with on our local road issues. They were able to assist us to ensure our ag machinery could legally move down our local roads and increase permissible dimensions saving us time and money.”

“ Stewart Hamilton, Inverleigh

Major Sponsors:



### Can you afford not to be a member?

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