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**Draft Pest Risk Analysis for khapra beetle
Part 1 for plant product pathways**

The Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia (PGA) is a non-profit industry organisation established in 1907, which represents primary producers in both the pastoral and agricultural regions of Western Australia. It represents the interests of Western Australian (WA) grain growers through its PGA Western Graingrowers Committee.

The PGA notes that the production of grain in WA supports 3,500 WA grain growers who annually contribute in the order of \$12 billion to the State's economy

The industry is characterised by its critically important export focus with more than 90 percent of the state's annual grain production being exported annually.

It is estimated that WA produced almost 30 million tonnes (mt) of grain in the 2025/26 season based on ongoing lifts in grain productivity and an ongoing shift from livestock to grain production. It is the 4th time in 5 years that WA has harvested more than 20 mt.

Consequently, it is imperative that Khapra beetle is not allowed to cross the border and establish itself in WA and disrupt market access to overseas markets.

The PGA is well aware of the marked increase in detections of Khapra beetle at the Australian border in 2019-2020, and more recently.

Consequently, the PGA supports the report's draft proposal that all the 7 existing emergency measures be maintained and 1 measure (Measure 8) be added as ongoing risk management measures for khapra beetle associated with imported plant product pathways.

Yours faithfully

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