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WIN FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS IN MOUSE PLAGUE FIGHT, BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN

Following strong advocacy from the office of Member for Grey Tom Venning MP, alongside Grain Producers Australia (GPA), Grain Producers SA (GPSA), local farmers, and key industry bodies, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has finally approved a national emergency permit for double-strength zinc phosphide (ZP50) mouse bait.

Mr Venning has celebrated this overdue win for our agricultural communities but has asked why it took a crisis for this product to be cleared. This delayed response is yet another frustrating example of farmers being held hostage by bureaucratic green and red tape, forced to endure financial and psychological stress while waiting for the government to approve obvious solutions.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP Member for Grey

“This is the news farmers have been desperately waiting for; after consistent advocacy from my office, GPA, GPSA, farmers, and industry across Australia, we have just secured a vital emergency permit for ZP50.”

“This double-strength mouse bait is stronger, more effective, and now legally accessible nation-wide, finally giving growers the tools to tackle this looming threat.”

“While we welcome the permit, it is frustrating that this product has only been considered safe and necessary by the APVMA now that mice are out of control. This is another example of our farmers being held hostage by green and red tape.”

“This speaks to a wider issue around reactive agricultural policy and regulation. Governments only seem interested in what farmers want and need when things become major political issues. What regional SA and farmers need is foresight and planning.”

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