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GRAINCORP WELCOMES RE-OPENING OF THE CAMURRA – WEEMELAH BRANCH LINE

GrainCorp today welcomed the announcement by the NSW Minister for Transport the Hon. David Campbell MP that the Camurra - Weemelah branch line in north-western NSW will be reopened.

The Camurra – Weemelah line was closed on 1st September 2009 pending the resolution of safety accreditation matters.

GrainCorp Managing Director Mr. Mark Irwin said, “The decision by the Minister is a welcome one and will be a major boost to grain producers in the region north west of Moree.”

“Depending on the conditions leading up to harvest, GrainCorp anticipates hauling 200,000 tonnes or more from Weemelah and Garah over the next 12 months. Re-opening the Camurra – Weemelah line means there will be fewer trucks on the road, which is good for the state of the roads and for the local community.”

As a condition of re-opening the Camurra – Weemelah line, the NSW Government requested a contribution from line users to on-going maintenance and repairs. A new rail access fee surcharge of \$1 / T will apply to all grain hauled on the line. Rail users such as GrainCorp will pay the new charge through the rail service operator to the Rail Infrastructure Corporation.

“GrainCorp agreed to the Government’s request for a ‘user pays’ contribution as we believe such a contribution is fair and reasonable.” Mr. Irwin said. “GrainCorp has decided not to pass on the \$1 / T charge to growers. We will absorb it as part of our commitment to, and support for, this important piece of infrastructure.”

“Now the NSW Government has announced their commitment to re-opening the line, we urge growers and grain buyers to support the line by delivering to, and buying from, the Weemelah and Garah sites.”

GrainCorp will be discussing options with the Government to have the line recommissioned by mid December to coincide with the completion of harvesting and the commencement of grain exports from the region.

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