

STATEMENT FROM THE PHYLLOXERA AND GRAPE INDUSTRY BOARD

Industry to guide new phylloxera quarantine standards

The PGIBSA has recommended to Minister Gago to reinstate the previous Plant Quarantine Standards until such time that the industry has fully considered the most appropriate way forward.

In response to recent stakeholder concern received by Minister Gago regarding these changes, advice was sought from the PGIBSA, a body charged with the responsibility to develop programs and policy for the prevention of phylloxera into SA under the Phylloxera Act (1995).

The PGIBSA is preparing a discussion paper to present to its stakeholders over the coming months, and will undertake a consultation process including regional meetings and written submissions

The South Australian Plant Quarantine Standards were changed in October 2011, to align South Australia to the National Phylloxera Management Protocols (www.gwrdc.com.au). These protocols had been endorsed by the PGIBSA in 2000 and were subject to further development over the next four years in response to industry feedback and research.

The PGIBSA will be inviting all industry stakeholders to take this opportunity to comment on this important industry matter.

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