



GRICULTURE PROTECTION BOARD

APPENDIX 17

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Dear Mr Smith

During the last round of Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings, members were advised of the Government's intention to press ahead with the Machinery of Government Task Force recommendation for full integration of the Agriculture Protection Board with the Department of Agriculture. In line with this intent, the Minister for Agriculture has since directed that the Board's current regional advisory structure be synchronised with the Department's new equivalent. The joint conduct of Board and Departmental consultation arrangements will assist the integrated consideration of industry development, sustainability and bio-security issues.

To implement the Minister's directive, Board has agreed to abolish all existing zones (and therefore the regions within them) and constitute five new zones in the pastoral area and fifteen new zones in the agricultural areas. Accordingly, all current Regional Advisory Committee appointments have now been terminated.

A copy of the map defining the proposed new zone boundaries is attached. In pastoral areas, zones replace existing regions, in agricultural areas the new zones are aligned with Department of Agriculture district boundaries.

The new ZCAs will play an important role in advising the Board and the Department on the protection of agricultural industries throughout the State. Under the provisions of the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act 1976, each ZCA will:

- ensure that the provisions of that Act are effectively carried out within each zone;
- cause, through the executive officer assigned to the authority, the efficient control of declared plants and declared animals in and in relation to that zone;
- formulate policies and schemes to efficiently carry out the provisions of the Act in that zone;
- communicate these policies and schemes to the Board, and advise and make recommendations to the Board on their implementation;
- in pastoral areas, advise and make recommendations to the Board on the expenditure of Declared Plant and Animal Control funds; and
- exercise any other power, function or duty imposed on the authority.



Nominations for appointments of members to the newly constituted Zone Control Authorities are now being sought from Local Government Authorities, Pastoralists and Graziers Association and WAFarmers. All nominations must be supported with the following information and be with the Board by close of business Friday 8th March, 2002.

- nominee's full name, address, and occupation;
- name of the Zone or Zones to which the nomination relates;
- a brief resume outlining the nominee's skills and experience, preferably in relation to agriculture, and/or their involvement in industry and community organisations; and
- an indication as to whether or not the nominee is a member of Council.

The Board is urgently seeking your Council's consideration in nominating a representative to your relevant Zone Control Authority. To assist, a copy of the selection criteria for appointment to a Zone Control Authority is attached.

Further correspondence and enquiries should be directed to Mr Richard Walker, Executive Officer, Agriculture Protection Board at the above address.

It is expected that ZCA appointments will be finalised by mid-March 2002. At the first meeting of each Zone, nominations will be sought for a total of five Agriculture Protection Board vacancies, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5(2)(c) of the Agriculture Protection Board Act 1950.

The Board looks forward to Council's continued support of the protection of Western Australia's agricultural industries.

Yours sincerely

Richard Walker Executive Officer APB.

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF MEMBERS

ZONE CONTROL AUTHORITIES (ZCA)

ESSENTIAL

- Interest and experience in rural industry matters;
- Prior involvement in industry and/or community organisations based in the Zone;
- Good communication and networking skills within the local Zone and a willingness to represent the interests of producers within the Zone; and
- Willingness to carry out the duties and functions of a ZCA member.

DESIRABLE

• Current membership of the Council of a Local Government Authority located within or partially within the Zone

OR

• Current membership of a producer organisation active within or partially within the Zone

AND

• Active involvement in the ownership and/or conduct of a rural (preferably agricultural) enterprise located within or partially within the Zone.



