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## Barley Australia Supports Barley Industry Position



Barley Australia acknowledges the decision by the People's Republic of China to implement tariffs on Australian barley exports to China, following on from the anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations.

Barley Australia is fully supportive and aligned with the joint statement issued by the industry working group including Grains Industry Market Access Forum, Australian Grain Exporters Council, GrainGrowers, Grain Producers Australia and Grain Trade Australia on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May (Australia's barley industry responds to China's tariff measures). This industry group is also working collaboratively with the Australian Government on this matter. Barley Australia will not be responding to media queries on this subject.

Barley Australia has a key focus on Industry Good activities with some of our core activities including:

- administration of the Australian Malt Barley Accreditation Program
- connecting with and providing industry specific information to Barley Regional Advisory Councils
- supporting industry and market education initiatives

Barley Australia recognises the close and strong relationships between the Australian and Chinese barley and brewing industries. Barley Australia has also supported the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC) initiative of Barley Technical Conferences in China since 2016. These industry events have been an excellent opportunity to engage with maltsters and brewers in the Chinese industry. We acknowledge that China is a very important customer of Australian grain and we greatly value the relationships that have been established throughout the years of holding these conferences.

Barley Australia will continue to run and manage the Malting Barley Accreditation program, with the support of Barley Australia members, the barley breeding community, the malting and brewing industry and the Grains Research Development Corporation (GRDC). This ensures Australian farmers have access to world class malting barley varieties and Australia remains competitive in the market place into the future. The development of new varieties will secure Australia's ability to remain an important exporter of barley and malt into a variety of markets, whilst also continuing to service the needs of our local brewing, food and feed industries in Australia.

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