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GrainCorp officially opens its upgraded Cunningar site

GrainCorp today officially unveiled its newest grain receival site at Cunningar near Harden in southern New South Wales. The site has undergone a \$8.1 million upgrade jointly funded by the Australian Government, local community, Hilltops Council and GrainCorp.

Nigel Lotz, General Manager of Operations for GrainCorp said: “The Cunningar site project has set the benchmark of how public, private and growers can come together to deliver a fantastic outcome for the whole community.

“The broader Harden area is one of the most reliable cropping regions in Australia so having access to a modern, efficient supply chain is vital for growers to realise their potential.

“We have been able to deliver one of the most efficient grain receival sites in Australia, with record turnaround times, rail loading and cycle times. This results in better prices for local growers and keeps Australian grain globally competitive.

“The more efficient site will move thousands of tonnes back to rail, removing 4,000 truck journeys from local roads reducing wear and tear and increasing safety for local communities.

“I would like to congratulate our GrainCorp project team and our principal contractors Martinus Rail and Bellinghams, for delivering the project safely. This is an exceptionally complicated development and your teams have done an outstanding job.

“We would also like to thank the Australian Government for their support through the National Stronger Regions Fund, the Hilltops Council and local growers for their financial contribution. Without their support, this project would not have been possible,” Mr Lotz said.

The Federal Member for Riverina and Small Business Minister Michael McCormack said today’s opening was the perfect example of the Government working hard with other levels of Government and corporations, as well as the local community, to achieve a positive outcome for all involved.

“These developments will reduce rail freight rates for the farming community, increasing the farm gate return to local growers and creating a more reliable and efficient grain facility,” Mr McCormack said.

“The Liberals and Nationals’ Government has contributed \$2.5 million, as part of the National Stronger Regions Fund, towards this grain terminal which goes to show the commitment we have to delivering jobs, productivity improvements and economic growth in rural and regional Australia.”

Chairman of the Cunningar Grain Growers Committee Barry Alcorn said: “Our region is one of the most reliable producers of high quality grain in Australia and our product is sought after domestically and around the world. Now more than ever, we have the supply chain to deliver it - having access to an efficient supply chain is a top priority for all growers in the area.”

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Hilltops Council Mayor Brian Ingram said: “This project is an important economic driver for the entire Hilltops Region; the enhanced freight efficiencies it provides will help give our local growers a competitive edge, while at the same time, removing a lot of heavy trucks from some of our smaller local roads.

“Hilltops Council – and before that the former Harden Council – has worked closely with GrainCorp to see this project through to completion, and I congratulate all those involved - from start to finish - on delivering this outstanding piece of regional infrastructure,” Mr Ingram said.

Chair of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CBRJO) Cr Rowena Abbey said: “Freight and logistics is a key advocacy agenda for the CBRJO; which is a network of eight councils across South East New South Wales. The Councils have identified projects such the South West NSW Grain Export Infrastructure development at Cunningar, south east of Harden as a priority as it will ensure long term economic growth and regional development for the Canberra region.”

The upgraded site now can load a 44-wagon train 80% faster. The site is GrainCorp’s closest receival site to Port Kembla.

Overview of site:

The Cunningar upgrade is part of GrainCorp’s Project Regeneration initiative investing in rail-focussed infrastructure to create a more efficient network of storage sites across Australia’s eastern grain belt.

- › Railing loading: 5 hours (80% faster)
- › Rail cycle times to Port Kembla: 24 hours (50% faster)

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