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## **Media Statement**

### **Industry invited to comment on draft agriculture and food plans.**

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman has urged Western Australia's agriculture and food industries to have input into the State Government's plans to support the future development of their multi-billion dollar sector.

Mr Redman today released four draft industry plans and invited feedback on the State Government's 'Plans to Support Industry Development' for horticulture, grains, livestock and food for the next three years.

"The aim of these plans is to set out clearly what Government needs to do to see our agriculture and food industries grow," he said.

"We have one of the most innovative and successful agriculture and food industries in the world. But to maintain our competitiveness, this Government wants to ensure we are continually cutting red-tape and investing in world-class research and development.

"The draft plans identify some of the opportunities for our industries. For example, the draft plan for grains shows industry has the potential to generate an additional \$1 billion for the WA economy each year and create 7,600 jobs. I want the final plan to articulate exactly what actions Government can take to help realise that potential."

The Minister said these draft plans built on the priorities he had set out for his portfolio in March this year. The next step was to ensure the programs being delivered through the Department of Agriculture and Food were efficient, effective and heading in the right direction.

"The priorities were the vision - these plans are the practical steps. This is not Government telling industry what it needs. Rather it is working together with a clear plan for a profitable and sustainable future," Mr Redman said.

"The WA agriculture and food industries support not just our State economy, but whole communities and families."

Industry is invited to make submissions until Monday, October 5, 2009.

The 'Plans to Support Industry Development' for horticulture, grains, livestock and food and a guide to making submissions are available on the department's website

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