

NSW Government to Modernise Rice Sector Exporting

The Rice Marketing Board notes the announcement this week of the NSW Government plans to modernise rice sector exporting.

The reforms include a plan to remove vesting of NSW rice in the RMB by June 2025 and the wind-up of the RMB by June 2026.

“The Board is in place to bring policy to action for the benefit of the NSW community and it appears support for vesting arrangements has reached a tipping point”, RMB Chair, Rowan McMonnies, said.

“These reforms will bring an end to almost 100 years of operation of the Board and the removal of the last single desk marketing arrangements in Australia. Past and present RMB members and NSW rice growers should be proud of the cooperation that has underpinned vesting arrangements and the benefits they have created, while also looking towards the benefits of a modernised industry structure.

“The Board looks forward to working proactively and collaboratively with the Minister, the Department of Primary Industries and key industry stakeholders to implement the proposed reforms.”

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