

FUNCTIONS OF AN APC PRODUCERS' COMMITTEE - section 12.1 APC Act

Subject to any direction given by the Commission and to this section a producers' committee may provide any one or more of the following services as are prescribed in relation to the agricultural produce in relation to which it is established —

- (a) advertise and promote the agricultural produce;
 - (b) control or develop the means of controlling pests and diseases if there is a likelihood of those pests or diseases affecting the quality or volume of output of the agricultural produce;
 - (c) conduct research in relation to any matter, if in the opinion of the producers' committee that research is of advantage to producers of the agricultural produce;
 - (d) conduct educational or instructional programmes that, in the opinion of the producers' committee, may be of advantage to producers of the agricultural produce;
 - (e) develop and expand markets for the agricultural produce in Western Australia and elsewhere;
 - (f) establish a voluntary insurance scheme for the benefit of producers of the agricultural produce including insurance relating to crops;
 - (g) undertake and provide market forecasting for the agricultural produce;
 - (h) establish systems of inspection for the agricultural produce for the purpose of quality control or pest and disease control;
 - (i) formulate schemes for declaring producers of the agricultural produce to be accredited producers;
 - (j) establish systems to facilitate inspection of grading, packaging and storage of the agricultural produce including weight and uniformity (including uniformity of ripeness) within packages;
 - (k) support, with or without grant of financial aid, and whether or not initiated by the committee or the Commission, any scheme or activity which in the committee's opinion is capable of assisting in the production, promotion or sale of the agricultural produce;
 - (l) provide such other services for the agricultural produce as may be prescribed;
 - (la) establish a compensation scheme for the benefit of producers whose agricultural produce is destroyed as a result of a pest or disease of that produce or action taken to control a pest or disease of that produce;
 - (m) arrange for the provision of all or any of the services or the exercise of any of the functions referred to in paragraphs (a) to (la) in whole or in part by another person or organization or in conjunction with the Commission or any other person or organization.
- (5) A producers' committee may, for the purposes of providing services in relation to agricultural produce —
- (a) communicate, consult or liaise with producers of agricultural produce; and
 - (b) hold meetings with producers of agricultural produce.