Extract from Hansard

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GRAIN INDUSTRY AWARDS

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:47): Like a number of members here in this chamber, I had the honour of attending the inaugural South Australian Grain Industry Awards at Adelaide Oval a fortnight ago. This event united 300 industry leaders, grain producers, researchers and agribusiness professionals to celebrate innovation, sustainability and leadership in the grain sector. In a recent Stock Journal article by Grain Producers SA Chair, John Gladigau, he emphasised how exceptional farmers are. They tackle problems head on, create long-term solutions, help without hesitation and voice concerns where necessary.

We all know farmers, researchers, advisers and advocates who tirelessly build on past legacies for a better future. These awards recognise those who have never sought recognition but have long deserved it. I commend Grain Producers SA, the sponsors and all those who organised this event. Congratulations to all the winners and Hall of Fame inductees. Special mention to Mid North honourees: Hall of Famer and former Adelaide Plains councillor John Lush; Grain Producer of the Year finalists Damien Sommerville and Kelvin Tiller; Young Grain Producer of the Year finalist Tim Cawrse; and Women in Grain Award finalist Kelly Turci. Your contributions advance our industry and provide hope for future generations.

Despite the current drought, these events are crucial for supporting each other, sharing knowledge and celebrating an industry that brings billions of dollars into our state and inspires us daily.

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