



# Citrus Growers Fund Public Meeting 2023

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# Agenda

1. About the Fund
2. Management Plan
  - a) Estimate of Contributions
  - b) Proposals for Investment of the Fund
  - c) Proposals for the Application of the Fund
  - d) Process for Payments from the Fund
3. Reporting
4. Next Steps



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# 1. About the Fund

*The Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act permits the collection of contributions from industry to support industry development*

## Legislation

- Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act 1998
- 14 funds operating under the Act
  - Grains x2
  - Livestock x2
  - Wine x7
  - Pork
  - Apiary
  - Citrus
- Each fund is established under its own regulations
- Each requires development of a 5 year management plan



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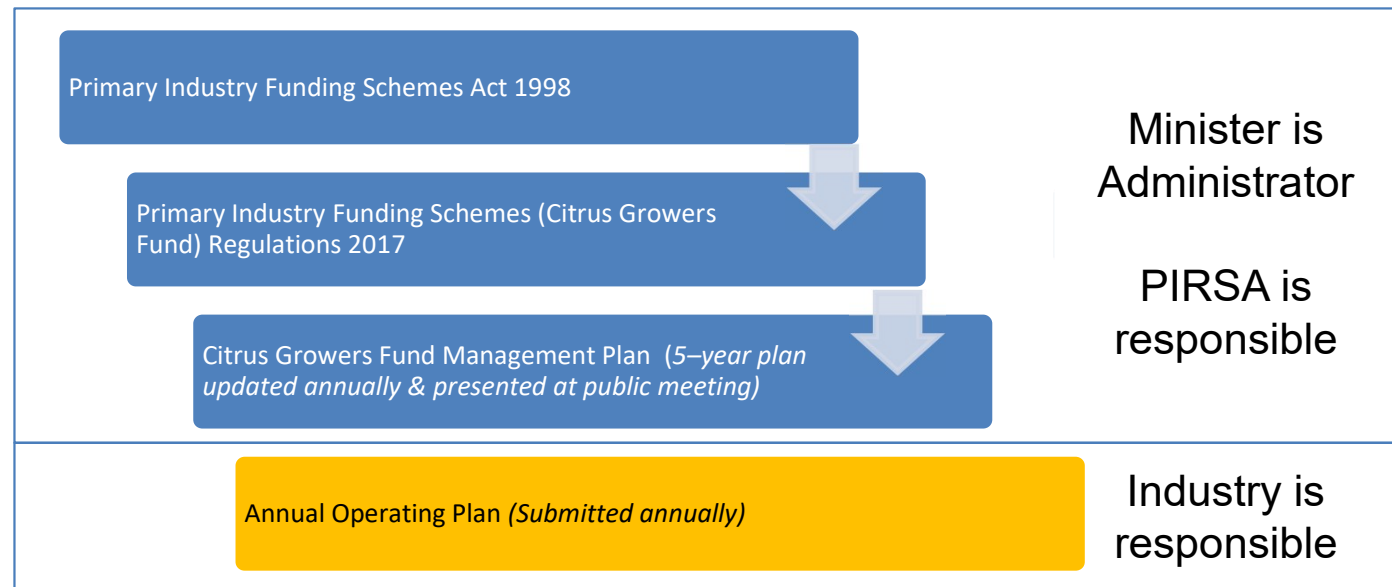
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# 1. About the Fund

## Citrus Growers Fund key documents

### Key Documents





# 1. About the Fund

## Citrus Growers Fund Process

Citrus Grower (Contributor)	Packing Shed (Collection Agent)	Minister / PIRSA (Administrator)	Industry Association (Fund Recipient)
<p>Sells fruit to packing shed</p> <p>Responsible for checking deduction has been made</p> <p><i>*Can request refund if not happy with how funds are being spent</i></p>	<p>Deducts \$1.00/tonne from payment to grower</p> <p>Forwards this contribution to PIRSA on quarterly basis</p>	<p>Processes contributions</p> <p>Processes requests for refunds</p> <p>Manages applications to the fund</p> <p>Makes payments from the fund</p> <p>Manages legislative requirements</p>	<p>Consults with Industry on priorities for coming year</p> <p>Develop application to fund</p> <p>Deliver services to industry as per application to fund</p> <p>Reports to industry and Minister on how funds have been spent and outcomes</p>



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## 2. Management Plan

- Management Plans are public documents.
- Provide the Funds Administrator (Minister) with directions on how the fund contributors want their funds managed.
- Must provide minimum details as required in the *Primary Industry Funding Scheme Act 2008*.
- Can cover other issues as required.
- These plans were drafted, consulted and have been approved by Minister.



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## 2a. Est. Contributions

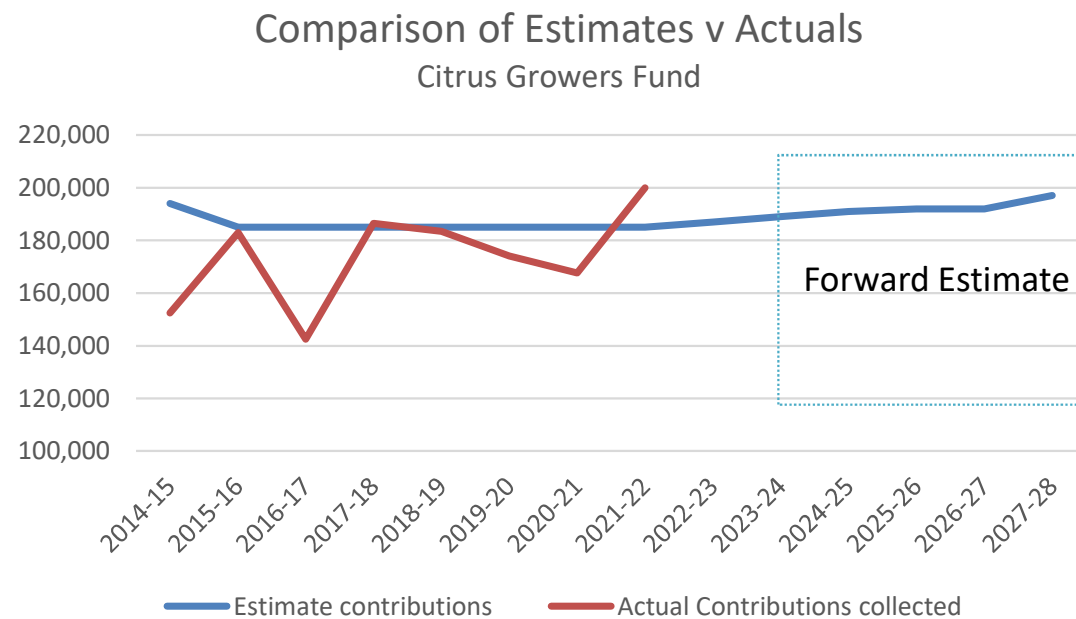
**Table 1 – Contribution Rates and Estimated Income**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
<b>Grower contribution rate per tonne (\$)</b>	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
<b>Estimated Production (tonne)</b>	189,000	191,000	192,000	192,000	197,000
<b>Estimated income (\$)</b>	\$189,000	\$191,000	\$192,000	\$192,000	\$197,000

- Contribution rate is set at \$1.00/tonne
- Estimated production volumes provided by Citrus SA
- Growers can request refunds of their contributions in July of the following year
- Growers who request refunds are ineligible to receive benefits from the fund



## 2a. Est. Contributions







## 2b Investment of the Funds

- PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister
- Contributions are invested in an interest-bearing account in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF).
- Interest paid on monies held is treated as income to the fund consistent with the regulations.
- DTF interest rate for May is 3.7%



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## 2c. Application of the Funds

The Fund may be applied by the Minister for any of the following purposes:

- a) payments to a body that, in the opinion of the Minister, represents citrus growers for 1 or more of the following purposes
  - i. the reasonable operating and management expenses of the body;
  - ii. fees for affiliation of the body with regional, State or national citrus or horticulture industry bodies;
  - iii. promoting the South Australian citrus industry,
  - iv. promoting the South Australian citrus industry, including through industry field days, conferences and other events;
  - v. the collection and dissemination to citrus growers of information relevant to the citrus industry;



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## 2c. Application of the Funds

- vi. representation of citrus growers, or participation of the body, in regional, state or national citrus or horticulture industry forums;
  - vii. programs designed to encourage communication and cooperation between citrus growers, citrus packers, citrus processors and persons marketing citrus fruit or citrus fruit products;
  - viii. other purposes of the body;
- b) payments for other purposes for the benefit of citrus growers;
  - c) payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;
  - d) repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 6.



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## 2d Payments from the Funds

The application should be in the form of a letter to the Minister which:

- a) Confirms the organisation represents South Australian citrus growers
- b) Requests a nominated payment from the fund
- c) An operational plan, which includes
  - brief description of activity + intended outcome
  - alignment to a approved purpose
  - budgeted cost.

The proposed activities in the operational plan

- should align with the national, and state strategic objectives and regional priorities
- may extend over multiple years
- collaborative projects are encouraged

Payments from the fund may be used as industry co-contribution for other grant programs

Applicants should ensure that they have completed reporting requirements of any previous agreement



## 2d Payments from the Funds

Once an application is approved, it is proposed that payment will be in two payments of 50% each.

Table 2 – Payment Terms

July	January
50%	50%

To ensure prudent management of the fund, industry agreed at the 2019 Citrus Growers Fund Public Meeting to always retain a minimum balance of \$100,000 to ensure appropriate moneys are available for refund requests.

The amount available for payment under regulation 7 in any financial year will not exceed the available balance of the fund at the time, less

- minimum balance of \$100,000
- annual allowance for refunds 7(d)
- annual allowance for audit and administrative costs under regulation 7(c)





## 3. Reporting

### A. Annual Report to Parliament

- [https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary\\_industry/horticulture/citrus\\_growers\\_fund](https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/horticulture/citrus_growers_fund)

### B. Industry report on Annual Operating Plan

- [Citrus SA Annual Operating Plan 2022/23](#)
- [Citrus SA Annual Report 2021/22](#)
- All underspends are to be reported on with proposed contingency plans outlined.



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