

MEDIA RELEASE

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CHESTNUT GROWERS NEED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON THEIR INDUSTRY LEVIES

Chestnuts Australia Inc is undertaking a FORMAL INDUSTRY VOTE in relation to a proposal to amend the Chestnut Statutory Levies/Charges.

Mr Brian Casey, President, Chestnut Australia Inc (CAI) said that "after discussions with many of the growers there was consensus from the CAI Executive Committee that CAI conduct a ballot to seek grower/levy support to increase the total levy and adjust the allocations to specifically increase the amount of funds available for investment in R&D".

The proposal will be tabled at the CAI Annual General Meeting to be held on the 13th of September 2025 in Wangaratta, Victoria

As a chestnut grower and levy payer, CAI is now seeking your input through a formal vote on the proposal to adjust the Chestnut Statutory Levies/Charges.

"The proposal is to increase the overall levy/charge total to 14 cents (from 11 cents) and adjust the allocations as follows: -

Marketing 2.5cents (from 5 cents)R&D 11.0 cents (from 4.5 cents)

• PHA Levy 0.5 cents

• EPPR Levy 0.0 cents (from 1.0 cents)

at the first point of sale", said Mr Casey.

Detailed information packages are being sent to Chestnut growers/levy payers, on the Chestnuts Australia Inc grower/levy payer list, via e-mail but if you do not receive a package please contact Tanya Edwards, Administration Officer, Chestnuts Australia Inc and a package and ballot paper will be forwarded to you.

Contact details: E-mail: admin@chestnutsaustralia.com.au or Mobile: 0428 521 326

The formal vote will commence on Monday 15th September 2025 and close on Friday 24th October 2025.

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