



**Hon Ken Baston MLC
Minister for Agriculture and Food**

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Hon Barry House MLC
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Dear Mr President

**DEFERRED TABLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

In accordance with section 65 of the *Financial Management Act (2006)*, I hereby advise that I will not be in a position to table the 2013 Annual Report for the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) by the due date of Thursday 26 September 2013.

DAFWA has not yet finalised its financial statements owing primarily to the:

- recent transfer of DAFWA's finances from the Office of Shared Services to DAFWA;
- concurrent establishment of a new finance system within DAFWA; and
- inherent complexity of DAFWA's multiple funding sources and affiliated bodies such as InterGrain and AEGIC.

The significant number of changes needed to DAFWA's financial statements as a result of these adjustments means that DAFWA is not yet confident in the accuracy of the final report.

I expect to table the report in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday 15 October 2013.

I have similarly written to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly advising him of this deferment.

Yours sincerely

**KEN BASTON MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

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