

HOPE ESTATE

Tax Forum
Treasury
Langton Crescent
PARKES ACT 2600

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Re: Supporting Australian Wine – Proposed Changes to Tax System

I write to you concerning the potential changes to Alcohol Taxation including the withdrawal of the WET rebate scheme. The changes proposed and the withdrawal of this rebate will have significant impact upon the wine industry, in particular cellar door sales, jobs in the tourism industry within the Hunter Valley and other areas, and other businesses that rely upon the flow on affect of tourists visiting the vineyard regions.

I would be pleased if you would consider retaining the current Tax System in relation to taxes for wines to assist the many businesses who would be affected by the proposed changes being introduced.

Regards

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