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SUBMISSION: INQUIRY INTO TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (REFINING AND IMPROVING OUR TAX SYSTEM) BILL 2023

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Retail Drinks Australia (**Retail Drinks**), we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on behalf of liquor retailers as part of efforts to streamline excise and customs administration.

Retail Drinks is the national body that represents the entire retail liquor sector across all Australian states and territories. More information about the association is available at www.retaildrinks.org.au.

Our submission is limited to Schedule 5 of the Bill.

The changes proposed at Schedule 5, for small-scale repackaging of beer into smaller containers, are supported. The new rules will help retail liquor stores, often small independent and family-owned businesses, as noted at section 5.6 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

For context, several retail store members of Retail Drinks sell beer in the manner described by the Bill, in containers which are often colloquially known as "Growlers". Examples include The Drink Hive in Rosebery, and Liquor Legends in Charnwood in the ACT. A non-member example is Beer Barrel in Chippendale.

If you wish to discuss the matters raised in this submission directly, I may be contacted on or by email at

Sincerely

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