



The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Suite R1-116
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
AUSTRALIA

Dear Secretary

Thank you for your invitation to comment on proposed treaties tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 18 June 2002.

I am writing on behalf of the Winemakers Federation of Australia (WFA). WFA is the peak industry body representing the interests of the Australian Wine industry.

The treaty we have an interest in is the Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine, done at Paris on 3 April 2001.

The Australian Wine Industry was very supportive of the review of the (old) International Office of Vine and Wine (OIV) and would like to support ratification of this treaty. Although we maintain reservations about the OIV, the new treaty is a considerable improvement over the 1924 OIV Treaty and means that Australia will be in a far better position to protect its interests than before.

Consequently, we support ratification by the Government.

If you wish any further information or clarification, please contact me on 02 6249 7162, 0413 014 807 or by email on tbattaglone@ozemail.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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