



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of Bill: Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No.1) 2002
 Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No.2) 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

These bills implement lower excise (and customs) duty rates for low alcohol beer, as agreed between the Commonwealth and State Governments. The lower rates effectively replace the State's low alcohol beer subsidies, which will be abolished. Health policy favours the continued price subsidisation of low alcohol beer and other low alcohol products and the health issues and taxation anomalies surrounding low alcohol wine, low alcohol beer and competing low alcohol RTDs needs to be reviewed.

Possible submission or evidence from:

Beer industry groups
 Spirits industry groups
 Wine industry groups
 Other alcohol-type industry groups
 Health bodies and specialists in alcohol health matters
 Treasury
 Federal and State departments of Health

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee for both bills, or as determined by the Selection of Bills Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: As soon as practicable

(signed)

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member