

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the provisions of the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 and the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

Submission No. 11

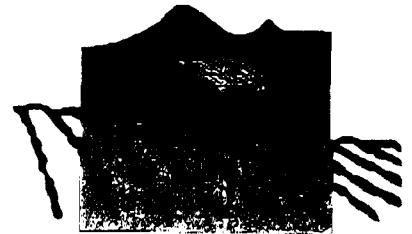
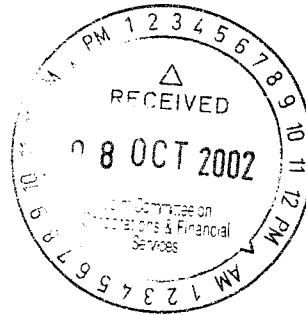
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Re: Customs Tariff Act 1995 and Excise Tariff Act 1921.- new rates of excise duty and customs duty for certain beer, etc

Submission
Wine Taxation

I am a small family owned winery in Tasmania which adds to the economy and employment of the Huon Valley region, south of Hobart. The current ad valorem WET system is having a serious detrimental affect on our business due to the complicated compliance requirements and the unfair tax take compared to the large wine companies. If a change is not quickly made, then many of the family owned regional wineries will be forced to close. I sell wine for ten other small Tasmanian vineyards and we have already recently seen the demise of one of these wine labels, specifically because of the severity of this tax.

I ask the Committee to consider and recommend a change to a fairer Volumetric Wine Equalisation Taxation system for the Australian Wine Industry.

Yours sincerely

Anthea Patterson



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Fine Tasmanian Table Wine,
Fortified Fruit Wines and Mead