

Inquiry into the provisions of the Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 and three related bills

On 11 May 2006, the Senate referred the provisions of the following bills to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 June 2006:

- Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform Other Measures) Bill 2006.

These bills make amendments in relation to various customs and excise matters, but the Committee is to limit its consideration of the bills to reviewing the alcohol taxation measures contained in the bills with respect to their likely consumer, social and economic effects and their effect on industry. Prospective submitters should note that the Committee will not be considering the fuel tax sections of this bill in this inquiry.

Written submissions are invited and should be sent to:

The Secretary,
Senate Economics Legislation Committee,
Suite SG.64, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600.

The closing date for submissions is **24 May 2006**.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au*, preferably as MS Word 97 or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or the Secretariat telephone 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, or e-mail at the above address.

Once the Committee accepts your submission, it becomes a confidential committee document and is protected by Parliamentary Privilege. You must **not** release your submission without the Committee's permission. If you do, it is not protected by Parliamentary Privilege. At some stage during the inquiry, the Committee normally makes submissions public. Please indicate if you want your submission to be kept confidential.

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If you need any further information, contact the Committee's Inquiry Secretary, Mr Alistair Sands, on (02) 6277 3439 (phone), (02) 6277 5809 (fax), by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au* or by writing to:

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