



**Queensland Wine Industry Association
Submission to the Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate Discussion (October 2016)**

Queensland supports the overall outcomes presented in the one page final document at the meeting between the Australian Government and the Wine Industry in Adelaide on Thursday 29th September 2016. We look forward to developing these proposals further through the industry consultative committee.

- (1) Support the proposal (the three dot points) for **rebatable wine**.
- (2) Mostly support the proposal for **eligible producer**. With respect to this issue, it is our understanding that there will not be a minimum quantity of grapes that must be processed in any one year? The issue of existing wine product as at the 1/1/17 was not mentioned in this section in the final meeting document. It is unclear to us if this clause applies to all existing wine or only to that existing wine that will exceed the new rebate cap of \$290k. If it applies to all existing wine we will need to discuss the timing of this issue in detail with our smaller producers. It is also our view that some further consideration should be given to the asset test for vineyards, cellar doors and wineries in case Cabinet when reviewing the new policy proposal considers this to be an ongoing requirement.
- (3) With respect to the **Cellar Door proposal top up**, we are discussing this proposal with the two big wineries in Queensland.
- (4) With regard to **timing**, we support the packaging and branding requirements applying from 1/7/17. We support bringing forward the eligibility changes to 1/7/17, but would like to clarify and discuss further the timing of the issue of existing wine product. As mentioned previously we are discussing the timing of the cap reduction with our bigger producers.

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