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Wine Industry National Environment Committee Terms of Reference

Role

Provide national wine industry leadership for environmental matters by recommending policy and strategic direction to the Winemakers' Federation of Australia and the Winegrape Growers' Council of Australia.

The Wine Industry National Environment Committee will have carriage and responsibility for the Australian Wine Industry's Environment Strategy Sustaining Success.

Terms of Reference

1. Provide policy and strategic delivery of the Australian wine industry's environmental strategy *Sustaining Success*, including identification of roles and responsibilities for implementation.
2. Provide input into environmental Research and Development priorities.
3. Oversee the delivery of the Eco-Efficiency Agreement between Winemakers' Federation of Australia, South Australian Wine and Brandy Industry Association and the Federal Government (through Environment Australia) in terms of national policy and strategic imperatives.
4. To achieve nationally consistent policies on wine industry environmental issues.
5. To abide by the following principles:
 - The Committee should strive to make decisions on a consensus basis at all times, but in the absence of achieving this, an 80 percent majority of members (i.e. 10 of the 12 members) will carry the vote
 - The decisions by the WINEC do not supplant the policies of the respective WINEC representative organisations, therefore members should strive to ensure WINEC decisions are reflected in their representative organisations' policies

Membership

- WFA to nominate the Chairperson
- WFA to provide Secretariat / Funding
- 3 Representatives from Winemakers' Federation of Australia

- 6 Representatives nominated 1 each from State Wine Industry Associations (SAWBIA, VWIA, NSWIA, WIAWA, QWGPA, VAT)
- 3 Representatives nominated by Winegrape Growers' Council of Australia

Additionally, the AWRI, CRCV, AWBC and GWRDC will be invited to attend meetings as necessary and all correspondence and information will be circulated to these bodies.

Technical Reference Groups

The WINEC can establish technical reference groups to provide technical advice according to the following principles:

- WINEC Technical Reference Groups (TRGs) are established and disbanded by the WINEC
- WINEC TRGs are subordinate to the WINEC
- WINEC TRGs may initiate advice, or be requested by the WINEC to provide advice
- WINEC TRGs report on their activities and outputs to the WINEC

Other Issues

- South Australian Wine and Brandy Industry Association Chief Executive / Environment Manager will provide a quarterly written report outlining progress with the Eco-Efficiency Agreement and feedback on key milestones
- Members of the Committee will participate at their own cost

Explanatory Notes

1. Research and Development Proposals relating to the Environment

A project proposal related to the environment may be initiated by any organisation or individual but, either prior to submission to GWRDC, or via a referral from GWRDC, the WINEC will undertake the following role:

- WINEC to assess the environment issue the proposal seeks to address to determine whether or not it is considered a priority
- If the environment issue is considered to be a priority, the WINEC may refer the matter to an appropriate technical group of the WINEC to obtain expert advice on the extent to which the proposal's methodology addresses the issue in question
- If the proposal is not considered a high priority, but is supported by the WINEC, it is referred to the Priorities Reference Group for evaluation against other priorities and projects
- If the project is approved by the GWRDC, as in all other cases, the contract is between GWRDC and the project proposer

