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INQUIRY INTO WINE GRAPE MARKET AND PRICES

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The Director – Standing committee on state development
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To Standing Committee members,

I am a grape grower in the Riverina and have been growing grapes for over 60 years. I would like to express my concerns with the wine industry through your inquiry.

The costs of production have increased significantly in recent times yet growers returns for their produce has reduced. This is not helped by the wineries imposing a fixed cap or quota on how much growers can deliver per acre.

The wine industry experts are too focused on telling growers how to grow grapes better rather than marketing the production successfully.

Our region has enough water to produce a good crop, yet we are not able to sell this produce at a profit.

I thank you for making this inquiry into our industry,

Kind Regards,


Oliver Bugno