

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO WINE GRAPE MARKET AND PRICES

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The Director – Standing committee on state development
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Attn Standing Committee,

I am a wine grape grower in the Riverina and have been growing grapes for 29 years. I am writing to let you know with the current industry pricing we cannot survive and continue to supply the industry.

The price of grapes needs to be controlled with one winery paying \$130 and others paying \$380 for the same grapes. Ever since the Wine Grape Marketing Board lost its power to set prices the industry has become unfair for growers.

Our winery has imposed unfair caps on tons where I am forced to leave behind good fruit in some blocks, yet I cannot meet the cap for the same variety in a neighbouring block. I am not allowed to make up the tonnes by combining two blocks of the same variety.

Thank you for addressing our concerns in your inquiry,

Kind Regards,