

Wine Industry Fund Reform

1. What is being considered?

As a key economic development agency, the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is interested in ways it can facilitate industry growth and increase the value of primary production in South Australia. PIRSA has facilitated discussions with key stakeholders and identified potential changes to the 7 wine industry fund regulations to improve the operating environment for the wine sector in South Australia.

Changes being considered will deliver benefits to contributors, industry associations and government.

2. What is the Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act?

The [Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998](#) (the Act) provides certain South Australian primary industries and producers with a legislative instrument to pool funds within their sector and undertake activities that:

- support and develop the sector
- maximise strategic advantage
- meet the challenges from an ever-increasing global marketplace

There are 14 Primary Industry Funding Schemes currently established in South Australia including 7 wine funds, 4 livestock funds, 2 grains funds, and a citrus fund.

Associations are appointed by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister) to represent the entire sector. These associations apply to the Minister every year to receive funds to deliver programs and services to contributors of the fund. Contributors can:

- make voluntary contributions to the fund
- receive refunds of their contributions within the contribution period

3. Who does this consultation affect?

The outcomes of this consultation will impact contributors of the 7 wine industry funds in South Australia. We are seeking feedback and participation from individuals who contribute to any of the 7 wine industry funds in South Australia.

Contributors to the wine funds are identified as anyone:

- buying or selling wine grapes in South Australia
- operating a business of making wine from grapes purchased in South Australia

The 7 wine industry funds are:

- 1) Adelaide Hills Wine Industry Fund
- 2) Barossa Wine Industry Fund
- 3) Clare Valley Wine Industry Fund
- 4) Langhorne Creek Wine Industry Fund
- 5) McLaren Vale Wine Industry Fund
- 6) Riverland Wine Industry Fund
- 7) SA Grape Growers Industry Fund

4. How will my feedback be considered?

At the conclusion of the consultation period, the Minister will consider all feedback received before making decisions regarding the operation of the wine industry funds and associated regulations.

