

Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission

Submission in response to the Tentative Findings



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INTRODUCTION

The South Australian Wine Industry Association (SAWIA) has prepared this submission to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission in response to its Tentative Findings released on 15 February 2016.

This submission is specifically focussed on the key issues of brand value, reputation and recognition, with further consideration of the impacts on tourism, regional infrastructure, natural resources, and legacy issues.

SUBMISSION

SAWIA notes with interest the high level of detail in regard to the technical aspects of the possible involvement of South Australia in the global nuclear fuel cycle as presented in the Tentative Findings. However, it was disappointing to note that, in contrast, "Impacts On Other Sectors" was given relatively little attention and it would be desirable to understand this in more detail to better evaluate the potential risks and benefits. The potential impact on the wine sector is the basis of our submission, for which the Tentative Findings provides insufficient information on which an opinion can be formed.

SAWIA notes that its members have genuine concerns about the potential risks to the reputation of the South Australian wine industry in the event of a nuclear accident occurring on South Australian soil.

Such a risk would also have the potential to harm the State government's economic priority of 'Premium Food and Wine produced in our Clean Environment and Exported to the World'

The wine regions of South Australia have been registered and exist as Protected Geographic Indication zones within Australia, which confirms the value of their reputation built on their unique natural characteristics, and any activities that might harm that reputation, such as activities of the nuclear fuel cycle, must be adequately regulated to protect that value.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

The South Australian Wine Industry Association Incorporated (SAWIA) is an industry employer association representing the interests of wine grape growers and wine producers throughout the state of South Australia.

SAWIA is a not for profit incorporated association, funded by voluntary member subscriptions, grants and fee for service activities, whose mission is to provide leadership and services which underpin the sustainability and competitiveness of our members' wine businesses.

SAWIA membership represents approximately 96% of the wine grapes crushed in South Australia and about 36% of the land under viticulture. Each major wine region within South Australia is represented on the board governing our activities.

SAWIA has a strong track record as an industry leader and innovator in many areas. SAWIA pro-actively represents members and the greater wine industry with government and related agencies in a wide variety of aspects of business in the wine sector.