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Q2. Email address

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Q3. Mailing address

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Q4. Phone

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Q5. Organisation name (if applicable)

[REDACTED]

Q6. Entity type

Individual
Wine producers
Grape growers
Importer
Exporter
Marketer
Industry body

Q7. Please select which EU wine geographical indication (GI) your submission is against

Prosecco

Q8. Grounds of objectionA submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.

The EU GI name is used in Australia as the common name for the relevant good, including as a type or style of wine.

Q9. Please provide further details, based on the grounds of objection for each GI. (If submission based on existing trade mark please provide trade mark number. If submission based on unregistered trade mark please provide evidence of use on Australia).

As a wine industry employee, I believe that this decision would have negative consequences for the Australian wine industry and could potentially mislead consumers. The proposal to use Prosecco as a GI in Australia would restrict the use of this name to only wines produced in certain regions of Italy, effectively preventing Australian producers from using the name to market their own sparkling wines made from the same grape variety. This would be a significant blow to Australian wine producers who have been growing and investing in Prosecco grapes and making sparkling wines from them for many years. It would also be confusing for consumers, who understand the Prosecco grape variety and the quality it produces in Australia. Restricting the use of Prosecco as a GI would potentially stifle innovation and creativity in the Australian wine industry putting many jobs at risk.

Q10. Would you like to make a second selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?

Yes

Q11. Please select the second EU wine GI your submission is against

Prosecco

Q12. Grounds of objectionA submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	The EU GI name is used in Australia as the name of a grape variety, plant variety, or an animal breed.
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Q13. Please provide further details, based on the grounds of objection for each GI. (If submission based on existing trade mark please provide trade mark number. If submission based on unregistered trade mark please provide evidence of use on Australia).	
<p>Australian Prosecco is high quality and has great potential to supply a large part of an internationally growing wine category. Its exponential market growth will support jobs and investment in regional Australia. In the EU-Australian Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, the Australian Government must continue to support Australian regions, jobs and investment by maintaining Australian Prosecco producers' legitimate rights to use the grape variety name to maintain a level international playing field for Prosecco produced in Australia. Australian Prosecco producers relish international competition and will put their wines up against anything Italy has to offer. But should be able to compete on a level playing field and have confidence that the goalposts won't be shifted during the game.</p>	
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Q14. Would you like to make a third selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	No
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Q15. Please select the third EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered
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Q16. Grounds of objectionA submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	not answered
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Q17. Please provide further details, based on the grounds of objection for each GI. (If submission based on existing trade mark please provide trade mark number. If submission based on unregistered trade mark please provide evidence of use on Australia).	
not answered	
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Q18. Would you like to make a fourth selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	not answered
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Q19. Please select the fourth EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered
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Q20. Grounds of objectionA submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	not answered
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Q21. Please provide further details, based on the grounds of objection for each GI. (If submission based on existing trade mark please provide trade mark number. If submission based on unregistered trade mark please provide evidence of use on Australia).	
not answered	
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Q22. Would you like to make a fifth selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	not answered
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Q23. Please select the fifth EU wine GI your submission is against not answered

Q24. Grounds of objectionA submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection. not answered

Q25. Please provide further details, based on the grounds of objection for each GI. (If submission based on existing trade mark please provide trade mark number. If submission based on unregistered trade mark please provide evidence of use on Australia).

not answered

Q26. Upload your supporting evidence for each EU wine GI you have selected.

Q27. Would you like to upload another supporting document? not answered

Q28. OtherAny other information on the impacts EU GIs may have on Australian businesses or industry.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal to use Prosecco as a Geographical Indication (GI) rather than a grape variety in Australia. As a wine industry employee, I believe that this decision would have negative consequences for the Australian wine industry and could potentially mislead consumers. The proposal to use Prosecco as a GI in Australia would restrict the use of this name to only wines produced in certain regions of Italy, effectively preventing Australian producers from using the name to market their own sparkling wines made from the same grape variety. Prosecco is a grape variety that was historically grown in the Veneto region of Italy, where it has been used to produce sparkling wine under the Prosecco name. In the late 1990's, this Prosecco grapevine material was first sold to Australian wine producers, with prosecco wine being made from these grapes for over two decades. This would be a significant blow to Australian wine producers who have been growing and investing in Prosecco grapes and making sparkling wines from them for many years. It would also be confusing for consumers, who understand the Prosecco grape variety and the quality it produces in Australia. Restricting the use of Prosecco as a GI would potentially stifle innovation and creativity in the Australian wine industry putting many jobs at risk. In light of these concerns, I urge you to dismiss the proposal to use Prosecco as a GI and instead support the use of grape varieties as the primary means of identifying and marketing Australian wines. This would not only support the Australian wine industry but also ensure that consumers have access to a diverse range of high-quality wines from around the world. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. Sincerely [REDACTED]

Q29. Is your response confidential? Yes, part of it

Q30. Please specify the parts of your response that are confidential.

My Personal details, Like contact & Address etc

Q31. Do you agree to your response being published on our website? Yes

Q32. Please de-identify my response Yes

Q33. Confirm that you have read and understand this privacy notice. Yes

Q34. Confirm that you have read and understand this Yes
declaration.
