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Q1. Name

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Q5. Organisation name (if applicable)

Q6. Entity type

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 name of a grape variety, plant variety, or an animal breed.

The EU GI name is identical to, or likely to cause confusion with a trade mark that is registered in Australia or the subject of a pending application made in good faith in Australia.*

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).

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential removal of Prosecco as a grape variety in Australia, and specifically on the impact of the Victorian wine industry. The use of the term "Prosecco" as a Geographical Indication (GI), would effectively prevent Australian winemakers from using the term to describe their wine and would have a significant negative impact on both the Australian wine industry and regional communities that rely on Prosecco production. Prosecco is a unique and popular wine around the world, with a distinct taste and character that is directly linked to the Prosecco grape. Removing Prosecco as a grape variety would not only impact the industry's ability to produce and market this wine but would also have economic consequences for the regional communities that rely on Prosecco production. Prosecco has become an important part of the Australian wine sector, with a production value of \$205 million in 2022 and growing year on year. It has also become an important part of regional tourism and identity, with investment in vineyards and production facilities for Prosecco, providing a significant source of income for many independent growers and winemakers. This investment has been in multiple millions of dollars where vineyards have been planted and nurtured in good faith, with decisions made on the grounds of commercial opportunity. Furthermore, the removal of Prosecco as a grape variety could set a precedent for other grape varieties that may also be targeted by the EU, such as Vermentino, Sangiovese, Fiano, Montepulciano, Nero d'Avola, and others; varietal identities used to illustrate their individuality which have been used for hundreds of years. In light of these factors, I implore the importance of Prosecco as a grape variety for both the Australian wine industry and regional communities. I believe that retaining the ability to use the term "Prosecco" is essential to the prosperity of the Australian wine sector and regional communities that rely on Prosecco production.

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

No

Q11. Please select the second EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered
Q12. Grounds of objection A submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	not answered
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).	not answered
Q14. Would you like to make a third selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	not answered
Q15. Please select the third EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered
Q16. Grounds of objection A submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	not answered
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
Q18. Would you like to make a fourth selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	not answered
Q19. Please select the fourth EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered
Q20. Grounds of objection A submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.	not answered
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
Q22. Would you like to make a fifth selection of EU wine geographical indications (GI)?	not answered
Q23. Please select the fifth EU wine GI your submission is against	not answered

Q24. **Grounds of objection**A submission against one or more of the wine GIs must be based on at least one of the four grounds of objection.

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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?**



Q28. **Other**Any other information on the impacts EU GIs may have on Australian businesses or industry.

not answered

Q29. **Is your response confidential?**

Yes, all of it

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

not answered

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 declaration.**

Yes