

WINE INDUSTRY SECTOR AGREEMENT

Climate Change & Greenhouse Emissions Reduction



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INFORMATION SHEET 2: WINE INDUSTRY SECTOR AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007

In 2007, South Australia enacted the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act*, making South Australia the first state in Australia to legislate targets to reduce greenhouse emissions.

The legislation sets out three targets based around reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the proportion of renewable energy generated and consumed in South Australia.

The purpose of the Act:

An Act to provide for measures to address climate change with a view to assisting to achieve a sustainable future for the State; to set targets to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions within the State; to promote the use of renewable sources of energy; to promote business and community understanding about issues surrounding climate change; to facilitate the early development of policies and programs to address climate change; and for other purposes.¹

¹*Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007* Version 3.7.2007, p.1

Wine Industry Sector Agreement

The Act also provides for voluntary sector agreements 'for the purpose of recognising, promoting or facilitating strategies' to meet targets set under the Act. The South Australian Wine Industry Association and the Wine Grape Council SA, together with Premier Rann as the Minister for Climate Change, jointly signed South Australia's first sector agreement for the South Australian wine industry at the London International Wine Show on 23 May 2008. This agreement is for two years and the main outcome sought is to inform wine industry members of issues surrounding climate change, while encouraging and assisting industry to measure, report and better understand their carbon footprint.

The first stage of the project informs, educates and creates industry awareness through this series of Information Sheets, regional Information Sessions and communications to industry.

Grapegrowers and Wineries are encouraged to participate in the project by attending their local regional Information Session and signing the Wine Industry Sector Agreement-Participant Commitment, which shows their commitment to calculating and reporting their greenhouse gas emissions for 2009/ 2010. The Participant Agreement is included as a separate document in this Information Package.

The second stage will involve hands on application of the Australian Wine Carbon Calculator through regional workshops. (See *Information Sheet 3: The Australian Wine Carbon Calculator*) These workshops will assist participants to collect the data, calculate and report on their emissions for 2009/ 2010.

Data will then be aggregated at an industry level for reporting back to participants and to the State Government. The data will also help set reduction targets for participants for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

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