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Australian Winemakers' Welcome Budget 2017

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) welcomed the 2017 Budget tonight, which confirms industry reforms announced by the Government last year.

“Funding of these important reform measures will place the wine industry on a firm footing to continue to grow important export markets, and correct previous over-supply in the industry” said Tony Battaglione, Chief Executive.

“The industry is in consultation with Government on implementation details relating to the Cellar Door Grant and the draft legislation changes, but we expect that by the end of 2017, the Australian wine industry will be celebrating certainty after a protracted period of upheaval.”

WFA also welcomed the significant investment by the Government in regional road and rail infrastructure in the Budget, including the funding of the inland freight railway and funding for the Western Sydney Airport.

“Regional transport infrastructure is vital to the Australian wine industry to get our products to market and to bring Australian and overseas tourists to our wineries. “

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