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Green light for Peru Australia Free Trade Agreement

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) welcomed this week's release by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT), of a second report into the Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement (PAFTA).

The JSCOT report recognised the *"gains and opportunities that PAFTA will provide for Australian businesses and exporters"* as well as noting the *"importance of early ratification."*

WFA Chief Executive, Tony Battaglione, said "WFA is delighted that JSCOT has reaffirmed the importance of the Agreement for Australian businesses".

"WFA supports the Australian Government's efforts to drive trade and investment by pursuing high quality and comprehensive FTAs, and regional trade agreements. PAFTA builds on this work and provides new opportunity for expanding wine trade in the future."

"We are thrilled that this agreement includes specific arrangements to tackle non-tariff barriers for wine. "

"I congratulate the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham, on progress so far. We now need all sides of politics to get behind the agreement and permit swift ratification of the PAFTA in the interest of Australian wine producers", said Mr Battaglione.

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