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WFA to work with ACCC on market study into the wine grape industry

Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) looks forward to working with the ACCC on its new market study into the wine grape industry, as [announced by ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh today](#). In the latest of a number of studies, the ACCC will examine competition, contracting practices, transparency, and risk allocation issues in the wine grape supply chain.

WFA Chief Executive, Tony Battaglone, said today that any work that helped strengthen relationships between growers and wine producers was a good thing.

"It is a very competitive market place and it is important that we work across the whole supply chain to smooth relationships. There is already a very good voluntary code of conduct in place in the sector and we look forward to any ways that we can improve this that may arise from the Study, said Mr Battaglone."

In July and August 2018 the ACCC invited wine grape growers across Australia to provide feedback about competition issues in their industry through an online survey. The ACCC is now seeking submissions from right across the Australian wine sector to help paint a comprehensive and balanced picture of the dynamics at play within the industry.

"We are finally starting to experience renewed growth in the sector after several tough years, and it is great to see grape prices improving and profits for growers and winemakers returning."

"It is important to provide the ACCC with an accurate picture of our industry as they undertake this study. WFA will work closely with the ACCC to provide this, but it is important that winemakers have their say" added Mr Battaglone.

The ACCC is seeking this information through written and oral submissions in response to the issues raised in its issues paper.

"I encourage winemakers to read the issues paper released by the ACCC today, and to make a submission to this market study".

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