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New WFA President appointed

Mr Tony D'Aloisio, the former Chairman of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), will be the next President of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia.

He will succeed Barossa winemaker Peter Schulz, whose term concludes on 31 March 2012.

Prior to his ASIC role Mr D'Aloisio was Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) . Prior to that he was Chief Executive of law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques. In these and other roles he has had extensive dealings with business and government.

"The Federation conducted a wide search for a President who can represent us at the highest level and provide strong leadership at a time of significant challenges for the industry," said Vice President Robert Hill Smith.

"Tony brings an ideal mix of business acumen and management expertise combined with a passion for the wine industry and we are delighted that he has accepted our invitation."

WFA is the wine industry's peak representative body and its members produce about 95% of Australian wine. As well as policy and advocacy work, it helps protect Australia's interests overseas and is involved in environmental, health, community and social responsibility initiatives.

"Our role is increasingly important as the industry restructures to confront growing global competition and winemakers adapt to changing consumer demand," Mr Hill Smith said. "We have an important leadership role to play and Tony will be central to that."

In accepting the invitation, Mr D'Aloisio said: "I am honoured and delighted to be the Federation's next President and I am looking forward to working with the Board and the CEO to deal with the key challenges which confront winemakers and this industry, an industry which is so important for Australia for jobs and export earnings."

Mr D'Aloisio was awarded the Australian Government Centenary Medal in 2000 for services to law and taxation. Among other senior appointments he has been a member of the Board of Taxation and director of the Business Council of Australia. His international experience includes being the former Chairman of the International Joint Forum.

Mr D'Aloisio is a director and shareholder in Oakridge Wines Pty Ltd, which holds vineyard and winery interests in the Yarra Valley in Victoria.

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