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Winemakers applaud tax changes

Significant changes to tax laws to ensure the integrity of the Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate were introduced into Federal Parliament today.

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia has worked with the Australian Taxation Office to identify and respond to loopholes that allowed for double dipping and applauds this decisive action by the Government.

The changes will ensure that a wine producer cannot claim a rebate for wine used in manufacture, unless the previous producer or supplier provides a notice that a previous producer is not entitled to the rebate on that wine.

"This is a really significant move because it takes away the opportunity that currently exists for multiple rebates to be claimed on the same quantity of wine," said WFA's Chief Executive, Paul Evans.

"This clearly was never intended when the rebate was introduced. These amendments will ensure the system works as intended.

"The industry has been calling for these changes for the past 12 months and WFA formally requested them it its Pre-Budget Submission to the Government."

The rebate scheme entitles a wine producer to a rebate on their WET payments up to a maximum of $500,000 per financial year.

The amendments also cover New Zealand wine, as New Zealand producers qualify for the rebate under reciprocal trade arrangements.

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