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WINE RESEARCH REPEAL BILL 1986

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Minister for Primary Industry  
the Hon John Kerin, MP)



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### OUTLINE

The purpose of the Wine Research Repeal Bill 1986 is to repeal the Wine Research Act 1955 and to provide for the disbursement of the moneys standing to the credit of the Wine Research Trust Fund established under that Act, to the grape and wine industries for research related purposes.

A capital sum of \$800,000, originally derived from an excise duty on spirit used in the fortification of wine, is currently held in the Wine Research Trust Fund for the benefit of the Australian Wine Research Institute whose charter covers both wine and grape research.

A new Grape and Wine Research Trust Fund is to be established to receive the proceeds of specific levies for grape and wine research which are the subject of accompanying Bills. The existing Wine Research Trust Fund can therefore be disbursed.

This Bill provides for an amount of \$300,000 to be paid into the new Grape and Wine Research Trust Fund for the purpose of grape research. The balance of \$500,000, together with any interest accruing, will be paid directly to the Australian Wine Research Institute. This should help the Institute to meet certain capital and maintenance expenses which are ineligible for funding by grants to the Institute from the new Grape and Wine Research Trust Fund.

### Financial Statement

Payment of \$500,000 to the Australian Wine Research Institute in the form of a grant will constitute a one-off Budget outlay. The \$300,000 paid into the Grape and Wine Research Trust Fund constitutes a transfer within the public accounts system.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1:       Short title

1. Sub-clause (1) provides for the Short Title of the Act to be the Wine Research Repeal Act 1986.
2. Sub-clause (2) establishes that references to the Principal Act are references to the Wine Research Act 1955.

Clause 2:       Commencement

3. This clause provides for all sections of the Bill, except section 5, to come into operation on the day of Royal Assent. Section 5 shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation. This will ensure that all necessary administrative arrangements can be completed before the Act is repealed.

Clause 3:       Expenditure from Fund

4. This clause repeals section 6 of the Principal Act which provided for payment of moneys to the Australian Wine Research Institute from the Wine Research Trust Fund.

Clause 4:       Payments out of Fund

5. Sub-clause (1) provides for the amount of \$300,000 to be paid out of the Wine Research Trust Fund established under the Principal Act into the Research Fund to be established under the Rural Industries Research Act 1985 for the purpose of receiving levy imposed by the Grape Research Levy Act 1986 or the research component of the levy imposed by the amended Wine Grapes Levy Act 1979. The payment is to be made as soon as practicable after the establishment of the new Research Fund and is to be for the purpose of grape research.
6. Sub-clauses (2) and (3) provide for the balance of the amount standing to the credit of the Wine Research Trust Fund established under the Principal Act to be paid to the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Clause 5:       Repeal

7. This clause repeals the Wine Research Act 1955 and the Wine Research Amendment Act 1980.