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The Hon Clare Scriven MLC

The Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC  
Member of the Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
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Dear Ms Centofanti

### Determination under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991*

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* received by the Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development / Minister for Forest Industries on 25 May 2023 requesting access to the following:

*“A copy of all correspondence and meeting documents, including but not limited to hard copy or electronic briefings, minutes, emails, letters, meeting agendas, and any other correspondence, between the Minister, the Minister's Office, and: - Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Penny Wong - Minister for Trade & Tourism, the Hon Don Farrell - Assistant Minister for Trade, Hon Tim Ayres Between 1 May 2022 and today, 25 May 2023.”*

Accordingly, the following determination has been finalised.

I have located three documents that are captured within the scope of your request.

### Determination

I have determined that access to the following documents is **granted in full**:

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1	Email from Office of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to the Minister for Trade and Tourism, encl letter dated 14/03/2023 re the Australian-European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA)	3
2	Email from Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development encl letter dated 16/05/2023 re the Australian-European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA)	4
3	Calendar appointment dated 29/03/2023	1

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For more information about seeking a review or appeal, please contact the Ombudsman SA on telephone (08) 8226 8699 or SACAT on 1800 723 767.

Should you require further information or clarification with respect to this matter, please contact Ms Rachael Colegate on 8226 2931 or email: Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC  
**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES**

28 / 6 / 2023

**Gonos, Anthea (PIRSA)**

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**From:** PIRSA:Minister Scriven  
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Dear Minister,

Please see attached a joint letter from Minister Scriven, Minister Champion, and Hon Leon Bignell MP regarding the Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA)

Kind regards

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Minister for Trade and Tourism  
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Dear Minister

*Don,*

I am writing to you as the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, alongside my colleague, the Hon Nick Champion MP, Minister for Trade and Investment on behalf of the South Australian Government, to express our strong support for the protection of the use of common grape variety names in the Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA), in particular the use of the grape variety name Prosecco.

As you are aware, the wine industry is a crucial component of Primary Industries and Trade in our state. The protection of grape variety names is important to the wine industry as it helps maintain the integrity and variety of the products produced by our winemakers. The use of common grape variety names provides a reliable indication of the flavour and style of the wine and ensures that consumers receive what they expect.

Further opening the European Union (EU) to our wine producers represents a terrific export growth opportunity, particularly as the sector recovers from the loss of the China market. However, without the use of common grape variety names, the authenticity and marketability of our wines could be undermined, and a precedent could be established to protect additional grape variety names that are currently grown in South Australia. This would limit the opportunity for winemakers to export to international markets and sell their products domestically.

Over the past twenty years, many of South Australia's 18 unique wine regions have invested in the cultivation of grape varieties of Mediterranean origin which are climactically suited to our state, including Prosecco, Nero d'Avola, Montepulciano, Fiano, Vermentino, Tempranillo and Sangiovese. While exports of Prosecco with a South Australian based Geographical Indication in 2022 were negligible, these other Mediterranean varieties represented over \$3 million in export sales for our producers based on Wine Australia export figures.

South Australia is focussed upon market diversification however adapting our product offering to suit the global customer is equally important. Continued use of alternative varieties within South Australian wine regions is crucial to be able to deliver this promise to domestic and international consumers.

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Therefore, I strongly urge you to continue to advocate for the retention of our right to use common grape variety names in the A-EUFTA. This will ensure that our winemakers can continue to produce high-quality wines that are recognised and valued by consumers both domestically and to any of our 120 global export markets.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your support in securing this important protection for South Australia's grape growers and winemakers.

Yours sincerely



Hon Clare Scriven MLC  
**MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR FOREST INDUSTRIES**

14 / 3 / 2023



Hon Nick Champion MP  
**MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence from Minister Farrell to Minister Scriven, copying Minister Champion and the Member for Mawson.

Kind regards

Office of Senator the Hon Don Farrell  
Minister for Trade and Tourism  
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**From:** PIRSA:Minister Scriven <Minister.Scriven@sa.gov.au>  
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**Senator the Hon Don Farrell**  
Minister for Trade and Tourism  
Special Minister of State

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16 MAY 2023

The Hon Clare Scriven MLC  
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development  
Minister for Forest Industries  
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*Clare*  
Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter regarding the protection of the use of common grape variety names in the Australia–European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA), and the name ‘Prosecco’ in particular.

I welcome your support for increased access for Australian wine to the European Union (EU) market. I am working through the A-EUFTA negotiations and my colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, is working through the parallel Australia-EU Wine Agreement negotiations to achieve the best possible market access for our hard working and innovative wine grape growers and winemakers.

In order to secure favourable outcomes for Australia, we continue to engage with the EU on its priorities in both negotiations. One such priority for the EU is its request that Australia agree to protect geographical indications (GIs) for certain foodstuffs, spirits and wine – including the EU GI ‘Prosecco’.

I acknowledge the importance for the South Australian wine industry of maintaining its ability to use common grape variety names, including ‘Prosecco’. While we are engaging with the EU on its requests, we have also clearly communicated to the EU our position that, in Australia, Prosecco is the name of a grape variety and Australian producers should continue to be able to use this term.

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To fully understand industry views, abide by our international treaty obligations and to progress negotiations for both the A-EUFTA and the Wine Agreement, the Commonwealth government recently conducted a public objections process on the EU's requested wine GI terms. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is administering the process. The government is now considering all submissions for each term against the grounds for objection that were lodged through this process, which will be used to help inform the government's negotiations.

I can assure you that the government has made no commitment to protect, or amend or remove protection for, any specific EU GI terms. We would not make any such decision until the end of the A-EUFTA and Wine Agreement negotiations, and then only if the overall deal is in Australia's interests.

Thank you again for your correspondence and interest in progress of the FTA negotiations.

Yours sincerely



**DON FARRELL**

cc: Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
The Hon Nick Champion MP, Minister for Trade and Investment  
The Hon Leon Bignell MP, Member for Mawson

## Hunter, Sebastian (PIRSA)

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**Subject:** 1 - 1:15pm | MEETING | Minister Don Farrell | Meagan |  
**Location:** Parliament House (Parliament Drive, Canberra Australian Capital Territory 2600)

**Start:** Wed 29/03/2023 1:00 PM  
**End:** Wed 29/03/2023 1:30 PM

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**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Minister Scriven Calendar  
**Required Attendees:** Spencer, Meagan (PIRSA)