



THE SENATE
RED TAPE COMMITTEE

2 March 2017

Mr Phil Bowen PSM FCPA
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bowen

Re: Alcohol taxation

I write as chair of the Senate Select Committee on Red Tape.

The committee has decided to inquire into specific areas, the first of which is the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol.

The committee held a hearing on this matter on 24 February 2017, where witnesses raised the issue of Australia's uneven taxation on alcohol.

In this regard, it would be appreciated if the committee could receive an update of Table 3-2 and Figure 3-2 from the Parliamentary Budget Office's 2015 report *Alcohol taxation in Australia*.

The committee has flagged an intended reporting date for the alcohol issue of 14 March 2017. If it were possible to receive an update prior to this date, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

David Leyonhjelm
Chair