

Additional Comments

Coalition Senators

Coalition Senators make the following additional comments on the interim report. The Senate Select Committee on Red Tape's motivation in addressing the considerable regulatory burden of red tape on business and industry by focussing specifically on the effect of red tape on the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol, has identified numerous issues with the excessive level of regulation on Australian alcohol. The effect of differential treatments in alcohol taxation, compounded with each state and territory having their own legislation, associated regulations, and licensing regimes for the sale and supply of alcohol, show the complexities of the current system. Noting that this is an interim report, Coalition Senators will provide additional comments on these issues once the final report has been tabled.

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