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This a great idea, all the more remarkable for getting support from a government which, in so many other areas, wants to regulate us to oblivion!

I start from a position of wondering at the essential absurdity of why we regulate the sale of wine and alcohol anyway. It is no longer a tax issue, as far as I am aware, so why not let anyone sell whatever they like in whatever venue?

I am all for regulating the use and anti-social results of abuse, but these are behavioural issues which cannot be controlled by restricting where wine is sold.

Realistically I know I am flogging a dead horse here, but perhaps this proposal is a tiny glint of life returning to the nag- the concept of being able to buy interesting local wines in my corner IGA is pretty exciting.

Years ago I set up regular wine auctions in Adelaide, and the hoops we had to jump through to get licensing court approval were ridiculous. Common sense has since prevailed and licensing laws are now much more sensible.

This is another sensible step, good for small producers, good for our State image as the wine state, and good for the simple practical reason of making shopping easier.

If the pub and bottle shop lobby is worried about competition I can't see how it will affect them. We are not talking about Coles or Woolies type volumes, so the impact will be minimal. I would think that the types of wine stocked will not so much be the volume brands, or meaningless own labels, but interesting smaller brands from our local premium areas and Riverland.

I support the proposal completely and hope that a good idea doesn't get mired in silly overregulation- like needing checkout staff to be badged or over 18. How ridiculous for packaged wine being purchased by an adult- what on earth does it matter about the status of the server? It is not like they are involved in the purchasing decision or offering samples, so stop the regulatory nonsense which will make it difficult for compliance by small traders.

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