

**From:** Phil Buxton  
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**To:** Enfield EO  
**Subject:** LIQUOR IN SUPERMARKETS

Dear Mr Rau

I have recently learnt that there is currently a proposal before parliament to amend the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* (LLA) to create a new class of liquor licence, which will allow supermarkets to sell bottled wine subject to certain restrictions.

As part owner of two independent liquor stores and a small direct wine business, I strongly reject the need for this new class of licence.

According to the information we have received, this proposed new class of liquor licence is intended to improve South Australian wine producers' access to the retail liquor market and assist the independent supermarkets in competing with larger liquor retailers. Our local outlets deal with many small local wineries on a day to day basis, and we believe that this proposal will also give interstate wineries the opportunity for increased supermarket shelf space, whilst undervaluing the knowledge and experience that is currently available at independent liquor stores. We do not feel this will benefit either small wineries, independent liquor businesses or consumers as specialist products require experienced knowledge and staff.

I also understand that under the current proposal small supermarkets under 400m<sup>2</sup> will not be allowed to sell wine; therefore this proposal will only increase turnover for the multi store independent supermarket operators (such as Drakes and Romeo's Foodland outlets), as well as Coles and Woolworths; who already have over 50% of liquor sales in SA.

We have invested significant capital to purchase these licensed businesses, and supermarket operators are already able to apply for a liquor licence through the Office of Liquor and Gambling Commission. We would very much appreciate you fight against this proposal, as it has the potential to seriously damage the ongoing turnover and resale value of many independent liquor businesses.

Regards,

Phil Buxton  
(On behalf of)

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