

Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Order

Notice of Poll

The Victorian Minister for Agriculture has, through a notice published in the Government Gazette, directed that a **poll of wine grape growers in the defined Murray Valley wine grape production area** will be held in accordance with the Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990 of Victoria, on the question of:

“Are you in favour of the continuation of the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development (Extra-Territorial) Order 2020 with extra-territorial jurisdiction in the Murray Valley region of New South Wales?”

If adopted, the Order will continue to be applied for a further 4 year period, commencing on the day it becomes a recognised Order under New South Wales legislation.

The roll of wine grape growers entitled to vote at the poll has been provided to the Victorian Electoral Commission by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. It will be available for inspection or you may phone the offices during the listed hours to check if your details are correct: Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action offices in Swan Hill and Irymple and the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries office in Dareton. Available dates and times are listed below:

- **The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action**
Corner of Koorlong Ave & 11th St, (308–390 Koorlong Ave)
Irymple, VIC 3498
Phone: 03 5051 4596
Dates and times available:
Monday 22 July and Wednesday 24 July 2024
Between 10 am – 1 pm each day
- **The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action**
324 Campbell St
Swan Hill, VIC 3585
Phone: 03 5036 4817
Dates and times available:
Wednesday 24 July 2024
Between 10 am – 1 pm
- **The NSW Department of Primary Industries**
1998 Silver City Highway
Dareton, NSW 2717
Phone: 03 5019 8431
Dates and times available:
Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July
Between 9 am – 3 pm each day

Wine grape growers, including partnerships, share-farming agreements, syndicates or companies who grew or produced wine grapes in the 2023-2024 financial year in areas within the rural cities of Mildura and Swan Hill, and the Shire of Gannawarra in Victoria; and the Local Government Areas of Wentworth, Balranald and Wakool in New South Wales are eligible to vote.

Growers who did not receive a written report on the continuation of the Order in a mail-out or email before the 25 July 2024 should check their details on the roll. Growers can also contact the Returning Officer to check or amend their details on the roll by contacting the:

Victorian Electoral Commission
Phone: 03 8620 1100
Email: clientliaison@vec.vic.gov.au

Any changes to the roll need to be received by 5 pm Thursday 29 August 2024.

Persons who would be affected by the order and who are ineligible to vote in the poll are invited to make submissions on the continuation of the order by close of voting at 5 pm on Thursday 5 September 2024.

Ineligible persons can make their submission to:

Dr Amanda Ellery
Agriculture Industry Development
Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action
Email: Amanda.ellery@agriculture.vic.gov.au

Ballot papers will be posted to all persons entitled to vote at the poll.

Voting commences on **Thursday 1 August 2024**. The completed ballot papers must in the mail or hand- delivered to the Returning Officer **by 5 pm on Thursday 5 September 2024**. **Voting in this poll is compulsory for Victorian wine grape growers.**

Sally Leung
Returning Officer
Victorian Electoral Commission