



**The Hon. Dugald Saunders MP**  
Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Western New South Wales

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Your reference: MB22-000153

Senator the Hon. Murray Watt  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Minister

The former Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, the Hon. David Littleproud MP, wrote to me on 8 April 2022 inviting NSW to revise the Horticultural Netting Program - trial to include throw over netting and grapes grown for the purposes of viticulture.

Including viticulture will expand the program to an important stakeholder group and I therefore accept the offer to include them in the trial.

I note this change does not have any budgetary impacts and I accept this exchange of letters as an agreement to amend the terms of the Federation Funding Agreement, Amended Horticultural Netting Program – trial.

Revised guidelines for the NSW program are included for your reference.

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Yours sincerely

Dugald Saunders  
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Dear Minister *Dugald*

Thank you for your request to reconsider my decision to include grapes grown for the purposes of wine production (viticulture) as an eligible commodity under the New South Wales' *Horticultural Netting Program – Trial Expansion* (the Trial Expansion).

I agree to your request on the basis that no additional funding will be provided to New South Wales to allow the inclusion of viticulture. I understand that you will manage the communications with horticulturalists in New South Wales on this matter.

Sections 37 and 38 of the Federation Funding Agreement – Environment (header agreement) enables the Commonwealth and participating jurisdictions to alter the content of Schedules by written agreement.

For the purposes of your request, I agree that 10 (h) in Table 2 Appendix A – Project Eligibility Criteria in the Schedule to the 'Amended Horticultural Netting Program – trial' between the Commonwealth and New South Wales executed on 31 March 2022 be removed. This variation now permits New South Wales to include wine grape growers (viticulture) as eligible applicants for the program.

Yours sincerely

MURRAY WATT

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