

Media Release

Monday 25 September 2017



Western Australia consultations Seeking views of all organic operators

Have your say on the future of the organic industry

Policy Partners Pty Ltd is conducting regional consultations, seeking the views of organic operators about the future leadership of their industry.

The consultations are part of a project initiated by organic industry leaders from across Australia who are collaborating with a view to establishing a harmonised national voice for all organic producers, certifiers and the supply chain.

Tony Webster, Managing Director at Policy Partners, said "There are many organic products produced in Western Australia. In recognition of that, we will be conducting two consultation workshops—in Margaret River and Baskerville. These workshops are a great opportunity for those involved to express their priorities for the future of the industry."

Mr Webster said "The Australian organic industry is diverse in its products and scale, ranging from small growers selling entirely through farmers markets, through to corporates exporting to the world. We welcome all people in the industry to come and share their views about strategies for ensuring the industry is well represented and to help shape Australia's organic industry."

Policy Partners has published an Issues Paper to guide the consultations. For further information, visit the project website at www.organicindustries.com.au

RSVP is requested for catering purposes. Please email enquiries@organicindustries.com.au or phone/text Tony Webster on 0448439334 to register.

Consultation Workshops

Organic Industries of Australia

3.00pm-6.00pm Thursday 5 October

Venue: Community Centre
21-33 Tunbridge Street, **Margaret River**

1.30pm—3.30pm Friday 6 October

Venue: Harris Organic Wines,
179 Memorial Avenue, **Baskerville**

RSVP: enquiries@organicindustries.com.au

Background



The Australian Organic Industry Working Group has appointed [Policy Partners](#) as project manager to guide it through the initial phase of the project.

Policy Partners has distinctive expertise in the delivery of complex projects spanning multiple stakeholders across industry, government and the private sector. Policy Partners specialises in policy, strategy, economic and performance.

Managing Director, [Tony Webster](#), will lead the consultations.



[Harris Organic Wines](#) is the only organic winery in the Baskerville Swan Valley. We only use natural yeasts in our ferments. We specialise in hot climate winemaking, making the best hand-made certified organic ports in Australia.

Harris Organic is also the only certified organic distillery in Australia. We use our organic grapes as the base for our organic Brandies, Eau de Vie and Vodka.

Sustainability is central to Harris Organic's philosophy of vineyard management; we favour the slow food process of wine production—vital to physical and environmental health. In wine-making we use minimal artificial energy sources.