

STATEMENT

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The Australian Wine
Research Institute

Sustainable Winegrowing Australia legal proceedings

The Australian Wine Research Institute advises members and stakeholders of Sustainable Winegrowing Australia that legal proceedings have been commenced by Dr Irina Santiago-Brown, in the Sydney Registry of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, against the AWRI and Australian Grape & Wine.

To the AWRI's understanding, in the legal proceedings, Dr Santiago-Brown makes various allegations including as to ownership of copyright in certain works, which she alleges has been infringed by the AWRI and Australian Grape & Wine in conducting and administering the Sustainable Winegrowing Australia program.

The AWRI intends to defend the proceedings. As the matter is now before the Court, the AWRI does not intend to comment further for now.

The Sustainable Winegrowing Australia program continues, and the AWRI is committed to the successful delivery of this program for members.

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