

## **As per Summary of Current Plan of Operations 2004 -2008**

The Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee is a statutory organisation established under Victorian legislation, which enables it to collect and administer a compulsory charge (“levy”) on wine grape producers. The Committee must function in accordance with government legislation.

The MVWGIDC was originally established in 1990 as two separate committees under the Victorian *Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990* and the New South Wales *Agricultural Industry Services Act 1989*. However, following a successful vote of wine grape growers in the Murray Valley regions of NSW and Victoria, the responsible Ministers in Victoria and New South Wales, being the Minister for Agriculture, the Honourable Bob Cameron, and the Minister for Primary Industries, the Honourable Ian MacDonald, agreed to reconstitute the two committees as a single committee under the provisions of the *Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990* of Victoria. This process will greatly simplify the administration of the committee and result in more efficient use of industry funds. This process was completed in late 2004.