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From: Media CSIRO
Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2019 1:04 PM
To: Melissa Davey
Subject: RE: media request - former csiro postdoc fellow accuses CSIRO of pro-alcohol agenda

Dear Melissa,

1. Are you referring to Dr Sean Newman or Dr Saul Newman?
2. Was the "top CSIRO" award for gluten-free beer? I think you'll find it was an award for gluten-free barley.
3. Comments such as the following seem to be a string of claims and assumptions lacking supporting evidence: "Government scientists routinely attend conferences funded by brewing companies under the guise of barley research, with free alcohol (and other perks) supplied by those companies. This is actively encouraged, with travel paid by Australian taxes. Senior members of staff personally developed mechanical grape harvesters: devices that catapulted cheap Australian wine into global markets, and single-handedly made \$2-a-bottle wine and "goon sacks" a reality. In the face of internal opposition, these scientists spent public funds on projects that allowed the invention box wine: an invention that has killed innumerable people with shocking repercussions for vulnerable communities."
4. If Dr Newman feels so strongly about the damage done by the wine industry, surely his conscience can't allow him to keep working under his boss at ANU, Bob Furbank?
<https://www.bartonestate.com.au/ourstory/> Using Dr Newman's logic, he is helping to kill "innumerable people".

It seems that this is a personal campaign by Dr Newman who is using his position at ANU to promote it.

Can I suggest you put more effort into researching your story idea and accusations from a single source before returning to ask for a formal response.

Yours sincerely,
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