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Memorandum of Understanding will strengthen voice of WA Independent Retailers

Master Grocers Australia (MGA Independent Retailers & MGA National Liquor) and Liquor Stores Association WA, have come together to further strengthen their business and working relationship toward delivering a more secure and sustainable retail sector for independent packaged liquor store owners.

Earlier in 2019, MGA Liquor President George Kovits, MGA WA Director and WA retailer, Ross Anile and MGA CEO Jos de Bruin, met for discussions with their LSA WA counterparts, Chair, Mr Lou Spagnolo and LSAWA CEO, Mr Peter Peck.

MGA CEO Jos de Bruin said, "The successful meeting confirmed the two organisations, are very much aligned to supporting its family and privately-owned retail businesses and delivering a national support framework which will benefit all members. There is no ambiguity as we do not represent the interests of big business!"

LSAWA Chair Lou Spagnola said, "The two organisations both recognise the important role each plays in the retail and packaged liquor industry. Working to our obvious strengths we will strive to deliver to our members a more secure retail sector and a more diverse packaged liquor industry in Australia".

By both organisations committing to a Memorandum of Understanding and recognising that our members and associations independence is respected, our purpose to develop a strong sustainable national independent package liquor industry sector will be further strengthened, benefiting all our independent retail and packaged liquor members in WA and nationally, around Australia.

MGA Liquor President, George Kovits said, "This initiative will drive certainty and confidence for our 1200 members selling packaged liquor, enabling stability and security for their businesses and families into the future".



L to R: MGA CEO Jos de Bruin, MGA WA Director Ross Anile, LSAWA Chair Lou Spagnolo, and CEO Peter Peck

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MGA Independent Retailers is a National Registered Employer Industry Association, representing independent grocer, liquor and hardware retailers in all States and Territories. These businesses range in size from small, to medium and large, and make a significant contribution to the retail industry and the communities in which they trade, employing 115,000 people and accounting for more than \$15 billion in retail sales.