

PRIME MINISTER

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ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FRUIT JUICE PROCESSORS

The Government has decided to pay structural adjustment assistance to fruit juice processors affected by the removal of the exemption from sales tax of aerated waters containing less than 5 per cent Australian fruit juice.

The exemption had encouraged soft drink producers to include 5 per cent of fruit juice in their products to escape sales tax.

The compensation will cover plant made redundant, and stocks, and is expected to amount to about \$1.5 million.

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