

Alcohol and the other Drugs Council of Australia on behalf of the Alcohol and other Drugs Sector in the Australian Capital Territory

> Submission Review of the Liquor ACT 1975 Discussion Paper

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Introduction

The dangers associated with binge drinking have become a national issue, as growing concern surrounding the misuse and dangers of alcohol continues to dominate community debate.

Recent comments in the media by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, regarding the epidemic of "binge drinking" among young people, the Senate Inquiry to consider the Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007, the recent Ready-to-Drink Senate Inquiry, and now the *Review of the Liquor ACT 1975* have combined to bring alcohol issues to the forefront of the national health agenda.

The culture of heavy drinking permeates our society, and bringing about change will need a coordinated, educated and a strategic public awareness approach. However, the issue of alcohol misuse should not be focused solely on teenagers. Although the peak of "binge drinking" is around the ages 18-23, there is a good deal of heavy drinking among adults older than 23, as well.

What ADCA and the AOD services are witnessing in teenagers is, to a considerable extent, them making a claim on "adult" behaviours, such as drinking and getting drunk. These teenage behaviours are unlikely to change if they are tackled without addressing the drinking of the older 'adults' they are emulating.

ADCA welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this discussion with the aim of building a platform for finding long-term solutions for what has finally been recognised as a matter of critical importance.

ADCA and the AOD sector – Who we are and what we do

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) is the national peak body for the alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector, providing an independent voice for the people working to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs.

ADCA is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation principally funded through the Australian Government's Community Sector Support Scheme and the National Drug Strategy Program. Some additional funding is provided through membership fees, subscriptions and project activities.

As the national peak body, ADCA has a key role in advocating for adequate infrastructure support and funding for the delivery of evidence based alcohol and other drug initiatives. In this regard, ADCA represents the interests of a broad group of service providers and individuals concerned with prevention, early intervention, treatment, supply reduction and research.

At 30 June 2008, ADCA's membership covering Associate Organisations, and individuals totalled 353 covering organisations, services, agencies and individual professionals, practitioners engaged in alcohol and other drug services throughout Australia, major university research centres, tertiary institutions offering courses in addiction studies and other programs for alcohol and other drug workers, law enforcement and criminal justice systems, policy development and analytical areas, and administration.

ADCA's broad and diverse membership base across all jurisdictions provides input on key strategic issues through active participation as members of ADCA's Reference Groups.

Executive Overview of ADCA's response

ADCA believes a review of the *Liquor ACT 1975* provides an opportunity to harness the resources of government, community groups, non-government organisations (NGO), prevention and treatment services, industry representatives, the community, and the media to join together to tackle this issue.

ADCA is determined to provide a strong voice in the current climate, to help bring about positive change for our local community. Our priorities are as follows;

- Introduction of health information labels on all alcohol products Consumers need to be informed at the "point-of-drinking" that the product they are consuming can have a serious impact on their health and well-being; that Alcohol is a drug –TOO! These warning labels would be similar to what is currently provided on tobacco products.
- Development of a comprehensive education program to address the dangers of alcohol.

We need to educate our children about the misuse and health risks associated with alcohol to assist them with developing a better understanding of its effects (*Addiction, 99,* pp. 278-291).

• Increased control over alcohol advertising, particularly to our youth The current system of self-regulation is not working, and more should be done to ensure advertising and marketing to our youth is appropriately directed and controlled. These regulations need to address both what is being shown on broadcast media, as well as the positioning of products and promotional materials at the point-of-sale.

There is no doubt that a host of resources are needed in order to achieve these goals. We cannot move forward without cooperation, communication and most importantly the resources to underpin a comprehensive strategy to overcome these issues.

ADCA is committed taking a leading role – contingent on the fact that the ACT Government provides support, infrastructure and funding needed to progress the recommendations from the discussion paper for implementation throughout Canberra.

ADCA has revised a number of policy positions which includes a paper on alcohol, comorbidity, workplace, and workforce, which the organisation believes has a significant impact on our society (ADCA 2008).

It's time to challenge the way we think about alcohol so that we can start making different choices to enhance the overall wellbeing of the community - change attitudes to drinking, act as responsible role models, and refrain from using alcohol as a means to celebrate success.

The only way to address the excessive use of alcohol, especially for events and celebrations – is to give people valid reasons to consume alcohol responsibly. Having a drink and getting drunk have totally different outcomes – in the first case this shows responsible drinking, however, getting drunk can potentially lead to personal injury, impact on family and friends, and cause health and legal issues.

The economic cost to our community through the misuse of alcohol and other drugs is growing, with research indicating the damaging impact on physical, mental and social wellbeing.

The Federal Government in cooperation with the States and Territories need to significantly reduce the level of alcohol abuse in Australia, especially in geographic and demographic hot spots. A solid starting point would be by examining the pricing structure of alcohol, including taxation, the marketing of alcohol and regulating the distribution, availability, and consumption of alcohol. In addition consideration needs to be given to the economic and social issues associated with the drug, as well as rehabilitation and education initiatives (Australian Democrats media release, 12 March 2008).

ADCA will continue to consult with relevant stakeholders with the aim of assisting the ACT Government in its deliberations, and the implementation of recommendations from this discussion paper.

ADCA is prepared to give evidence if required. Please contact ADCA's Strategic Communication and Policy Officer, Bronwyn Edwards, on <u>bronwyn.edwards@adca.org.au</u> or on 6281 0686 should you have any queries in relation to this submission.

ADCA's response to Liquor Act 1975 – Discussion paper

ADCA is committed to ensuring that the dangers associated with alcohol and its misuse are highlighted and managed by the ACT Government, treatment services, health professionals, the community and parents to significantly reduce the number of alcohol-related problems facing Canberrans.

ADCA believes the following initiatives will assist in addressing the issue within the ACT:

1. Introduction of health information labels on all alcohol products.

The World Health Organization (WHO) finds that alcohol is the third most important avoidable cause of death and disability in developed societies like Australia. Given this finding, alcohol is not an ordinary commodity and should not be treated as one (Wodak 2003) – Alcohol is a drug – TOO!

Alcoholic beverages are deeply entrenched in Australian society, and there are substantial economic interests in their production and distribution. Each year more than 3000 Australians die and another 10 000 need ongoing medical treatment through alcohol-related harm. The annual cost in alcohol related absenteeism is 7.5 million working days and the economic impact of its abuse is \$15.3 billion. Alcoholic beverages cause substantial health and social harm to the drinker and to others. (ADCA submission 2008).

ADCA recommends that alcoholic beverages should carry warning labels on the risks of alcohol in all instances, not just prior to or during pregnancy (ADCA submission 2008).

In addition, alcoholic beverages should include nutritional information as part of the health information requirements. At present these are exempt, so many young women who drink highly sweetened RTDs are unaware of how many calories they consume.

ADCA believes including this information on labels may be more effective, in some instances, in reducing alcohol consumption, rather than using labels that focus on warnings about drinking during pregnancy or the risks of liver disease.

Consideration should also be given to workplace health and safety information on alcoholic beverages, particularly the hangover effect of alcohol. A 2006 report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) indicates that after a binge drinking session, the hangover effect results in individual's fitness for work being considerably impaired. This includes coordination, concentration, the capacity to attend to more than one thing at a time, their fine motor skills, and short-term memory are all diminished (AIHW 2006).

The report also showed that alcohol remains the principal drug of concern in workplaces. Compared to workers who drink at low-risk levels, workers who drink at risky or high-risk levels weekly are 19 times more likely to miss a work day due to their alcohol use and six times more likely to attend work intoxicated.

Approximately one in five workers reports being put in fear, verbally abused, or physically abused by a person affected by AOD, and over three quarters of these incidents are attributable to alcohol. In addition, between 4% and 15% of non-fatal workplace injuries treated at hospital Emergency Departments are likely to be alcohol-related, and alcohol is likely to be involved in between 2% and 4% of workplace deaths (AIHW 2006).

Generally, people who test positive to alcohol and other drugs in the workplace will be 'stood down' until they have been assessed by an appropriately skilled health professional. As AOD services often have long waiting people are unable to get back to work for some days,

or perhaps weeks. ADCA believes the sector needs to be better resourced to deal with this new, and rapidly expanding, demand and seriously examine the issue of alcohol use in the workplace (AIHW 2006).

ADCA also strongly support findings in a recent report submitted to the Victorian Department of Human Services by AER Centre for Alcohol Policy Research and Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre developed by Professor Robin Room and Claire Wilkinson.

The report recommends that warning labels should be included on all alcoholic beverages and that they should "be graphic and attention-getting, should occupy a considerable proportion of the package surface, and should involve rotating messages." The report adds that "given the profile of problems related to drinking, the messages should address social as well as health and injury problems, and problems for others around the drinker as well as for the drinker him/herself."

In addition, media reports indicate there have been substantial increases in the availability of alcohol in terms of the number of licensed premises and their hours of sale, on the mistaken assumption that increased competition in alcohol sales has a positive outcome.

ADCA strongly recommends that alcoholic beverages be exempt from the National Competition policy, and removed from the jurisdiction of the National Competition Council, as they are commodities that have a substantial adverse impact on public health, wellbeing, the economy, and the law.

ADCA favours progressive increases in the tax rates of alcohol over several years, beyond the adjustments to the CPI presently in effect. The revenue from the increase in taxes should be used to support increases in treatment services and prevention programs for alcohol problems (ADCA 2007).

As a community we need to identify the environmental factors, such as alcohol advertising and marketing, institutional policies and practices, as well as the social and cultural beliefs and behaviours that contribute to alcohol abuse.

ADCA believes that local government authorities should use their planning powers to responsibly manage issues such as outlet density and the adequate mix of facilities required by local communities. With this level of support, and Government assistance, a gradual change in the cultural attitudes towards alcohol may eventually occur.

The tobacco industry finally accepted that appropriate branding of its products was necessary for the health of the community (Smoke Free Australia 2008). Other examples include Sun Safe with 'Slip, Slop, Slap', and the Clean Up Australia campaign which started out as an annual activity, but which in fact is adhered to on a daily basis by our children.

ADCA strongly advocate that a similar approach be taken in the case of the branding of alcohol products. The wine and spirits industry has already established a precedent in meeting statutory requirements for sale and distribution of Australian alcohol products for off shore markets.

2. Development of a comprehensive education program to address the dangers of alcohol.

Fostering awareness in children, at the primary school level, could encourage a generational change towards the consumption of alcohol, and in turn re-shape the attitudes of Australians towards its use in the future.

In Australia's current climate we regularly see teenagers using alcohol as a means to celebrate. On Monday 28 February 2008 an alarming report revealed that about one-tenth of teenagers had abused alcohol in the past week, while 67,000 high school students had taken amphetamines in the last year (*The Adelaide Advertiser*, Monday 25 February 2008). ADCA believes while teenagers deserve an opportunity to celebrate, it's important that any activities combined with alcohol should be carried out in a responsible manner.

ADCA has serious concerns regarding the overt and targeted advertising of young people that encourages the take-up, and often excessive consumption of ready-made drinks. It is strongly suggested that stringent guidelines be established for the advertising and marketing of alcohol products.

ADCA recently took part in the Senate Inquiry into Ready-to-Drink alcoholic beverages, stating it was another opportunity to harness the resources of government, community groups, non-government organisations (NGO), prevention and treatment services, industry representatives, the community, and the media to join together to tackle the important issue of alcohol misuse in Australia.

3. Increased control over alcohol advertising, particularly to youth.

ADCA believes limiting the times at which alcohol products are advertised on radio and television will go a long way to screening out advertising of alcohol products likely to influence the thinking of young people.

Underage drinking to intoxication is widespread in Australia. Sweetened, spirits-based Ready-to-Drinks (RTDs) have been widely promoted and diffused, and as a result have become a very substantial part of the under-age drinking market.

Media advertising and campaigns can play an important role in raising the profile of alcohol as a public health issue, and for building public support for more extensive policies that address taxation, regulation and advertising of the drug. However, given the scale of alcohol promotion currently on offer, and the extent to which "binge drinking" is an important part of Australian drinking culture, any future media campaigns will need to develop new, creative approaches to ensure messages cut through the already dense market.

In the opinion of ADCA, the current system of self-regulation is not working. More needs to be done to ensure advertising and marketing that targets the youth audience is appropriately managed and controlled. These regulations need to address both what is being shown and heard on broadcast media and in print publications, as well as the positioning of products at the point-of-sale.

A 2004 report issued by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) in 2007 indicated that binge drinking is highly prevalent among teenagers and young adults in Australia. In short, the report found that in the case of alcohol:

- 84% aged 14 years and over had consumed alcohol in the year prior to the survey
- 9% drank alcohol on a daily basis

- 41% on a weekly basis
- 33% on a less than a weekly basis
- the proportion of daily drinkers in the 12 months prior to the survey, 10% of Australians aged 14 years and over drank alcohol at risky or high levels; and
- the average age of initiation to alcohol was 16 years for males; 18 years for females.

The report noted that in 2003 some 3430 deaths were attributable to alcohol, compared with 1705 deaths as a result of illicit drug use (AIHW 2007).

The report also concluded that "alcohol is the drug that causes most harm in Australia – and that providing appropriate and sufficient treatment services for those experiencing problems with this drug has major resource implications for service providers and their funders".

AOD and NGO sector supporting comments

Since November 2007, ADCA has attracted more than 120 media interviews/articles relating to its alcohol policy, many of which have been supportive of ADCA's position on alcohol, recognising that Alcohol is a drug - TOO!

In addition to the media attention, ADCA has actively consulted with a range of AOD and NGO stakeholders on the development and implementation of its alcohol-related policies. Many of these organisations have been extremely supportive of ADCA's stance on alcohol. A full list of the organisations supporting ADCA's submission can be found in *Appendix A*.

Political recognition of AOD issues

In November 2007, prior to the Federal Election, ADCA on behalf of the AOD sector wrote to the major political parties calling on them to announce their policies in relation to alcohol and its misuse, excessive consumption, pricing, availability, accessibility and promotion, which are all contributing factors that directly impact on the health, family, social and welfare aspects of our community.

Since the election, ADCA has received positive responses from all political parties and has since met and discussed issues of mutual concern, in particular issues relating to alcohol.

ADCA has also received letters from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for issues such as alcohol and Standards Australia and New Zealand, Senator Jan McLucas, and the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Brendan Nelson encouraging ADCA to continue its alcohol advocacy role on behalf of the AOD sector.

In 2008, ADCA has also met with the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Pacific Island Affairs) the Hon Duncan Kerr MP, the Senior Adviser to the Minister for Health and Ageing Nicola Roxon, the former Shadow Minister for Sport, Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, and the newly appointed Minister for Sport, Senator the Hon Kate Ellis, the Member for Canberra, the Hon Annette Ellis MP, and the Shadow Minister for Health, Joe Hockey MP.

A sample of the letters ADCA sent to the major political parties prior to the Federal Election as well as a summary of the media interviews ADCA has conducted in relation to this issue can be seen in *Appendix B*.

Previous submissions

Below is a list of the previous Submissions ADCA has provided in relation to alcohol.

- Submission to the Inquiry into Ready-to-Drink Alcohol Beverages Submitted/Issued: 30 May 2008
- Submission to the Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007. Submitted/issued: 20 March 2008
- Submission to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) initial assessment report. Labeling of alcoholic beverages with pregnancy health advisory label. Submitted/Issued: 2 February 2008

• Submission to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – review by the NHMRC of the Australian alcohol guidelines: health risks and benefits. Submitted/Issued: 10 December 2007

Conclusion and Recommendations

ADCA is committed to finding a solution to the alcohol problem in Canberra.

To do this, there needs to be a united effort from the ACT Government, treatment and prevention services, community groups, non-government organisations, industry representatives and the media.

Alcohol misuse should be treated as a priority and ADCA strongly recommends agreement to:

- the introduction of health warning labels on all alcohol products, supported by additional warning posters/signs in establishments selling alcohol
- establishing an education program to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol.
- establishing restrictions on the way alcohol is advertised and marketed to young people

Appendix A

Organisations consulted during the preparation of this discussion paper were:

• Alcohol and Drug Foundation ACT (ADFACT)

Appendix B – sample of letter sent to politicians prior to the 2007 Federal Election



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Celebrating 40 years of sector and community leadership, 1967 - 2007

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Kevin Rudd MP Leader of the Opposition PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Rudd

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) is calling on the Australian Labor Party to announce its alcohol policies in relation to its misuse, excessive consumption, pricing, availability, accessibility and promotion. These are all contributing factors which directly impact on the health, family, social and welfare aspects of our community.

ADCA is the peak national body representing the interests of the Australian alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector nationally, and its primary role is to see a reduction in AOD-related harm nationally.

Each year 3000 Australians die and another 10 000 need ongoing medical treatment through alcohol-related harm. The annual cost in alcohol related absenteeism is 7.5 million working days and the economic impact of its abuse is \$15.3 billion. Alcohol is not an ordinary commodity and should not be treated as one.

We acknowledge that Australian Governments have led the world in action to reduce harm tough drink-driving laws and reduced taxes on low alcohol beer, however in other areas Australia has lagged.

ADCA believes wine taxes should be based on alcohol content and equalised with beer taxes per unit of alcohol. Raising alcohol taxes across the board would be effective in reducing alcohol related problems in Australia. It should be the role of the Government to progressively increase tax rates for alcohol over several years, beyond CPI adjustments. Revenue gained from this should then be provided to treatment services and prevention programs.

Central to addressing the harm from alcohol is advertising. ADCA feels that promotion of alcohol should be managed more responsibly with advertisements carrying warning messages about the potential harms of abuse, similar to tobacco advertising and packaging.

ADCA is committed to working with Government to reduce alcohol and drug-related harm throughout Australia. This letter has strong support from State and Territory AOD Peak bodies, including key non-government organisations in the community services and health area.

Yours sincerely

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David Templeman Chief Executive Officer

13 November 2007

Appendix B continued

ADCA Media Log November 2007 – June 2008

| Date | Issue(s) | Spokes- person | Media outlet(s) | Medium | Initiated by: | Coverage achieved? |
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| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2SM Sydney | Radio | Victoria – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Charles Sturt Univ | Radio/ Print | Elizabeth Leong | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | NOVA 93.7 FM Perth | Radio | Michelle – 08 9489 1800 | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2CC Canberra | Radio | Mike Welsh – 6255 4444 | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2 WS FM Sydney | Radio | Natalie – 02 8899 9615 | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix 106.5 Sydney | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Gold Network - Melbourne | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix Network – Adelaide | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 4KQ Brisbane | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 97.3 FM Brisbane | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | NOVA 91.9 Adelaide | Radio | News | У |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Cruise Adelaide | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix FM Melbourne | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Triple M Melbourne | Radio | Paul Holman | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | NOVA 96.9 Sydney | Radio | News | Y |
| 5 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2GB Sydney | Radio | Robert Spicer 02 85700333 | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix FM Adelaide | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Triple J National Australia | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 4KQ Brisbane | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2SM Sydney | Radio | Karl Schubert Breakfast | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 2SM Sydney | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix 97.3 Brisbane | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | 4GY Sunshine Coast | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | ABC 774 Melbourne | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/NSW action | ADCA/DT | ABC 702 Sydney | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | ABC National AM | Radio | Michael Turtle | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | SEA FM Sunshine Coast | Radio | Paul Hallman | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | ABC Far North Cairns | Radio | News Radio | Y |

| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Mix 92.7 Maryborough | Radio | News | Y |
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| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/NSW action | ADCA/DT | ABC Newcastle | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | Triple J National | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/NSW action | ADCA/DT | 2SM Sydney | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ pol parties | ADCA/DT | ABC Far North Cairns | Radio | News | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ Pollies | ADCA/DT | ABC 702 Sydney | Radio | Adam Spencer Breakfast | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ NSW | ADCA/DT | 2GB | Radio | Macquarie Network | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ NSW | ADCA/DT | 2CH | Radio | Erin 13187333 | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ NSW | ADCA/DT | ABC News Radio | Radio | Sandy Aloise – 02 8333 5091 | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ NSW | ADCA/DT | Melbourne Sun | Print | Neil Wilson 03 9292 1590 | Y |
| 6 Nov | Alcohol policy/ NSW | ADCA/DT | ABC News Online | Web | Cristen Tilley 07 3138 0108 | Y |
| 12 Nov | Drinking and Driving | ADCA/DT | 3AW – Melbourne | Radio | Sylvia – 0412 954 761 | Y |
| 13 Nov | 'Turn down the tap" in NT | ADCA/DT | ABC Darwin | Radio | Chris Cassick 08 89433142 | Y |
| 13 Nov | 'Turn down the tap" in NT | ADCA/BF | ABC Darwin | Radio | News Editor | Y |
| 13 Nov | 'Turn down the tap" in NT | ADCA/BF | ABC Alice Springs | Radio | News Editor – 08 89504711 | Y |
| 13 Nov | 'Turn down the tap" in NT | ADCA/DT | ABC Darwin | Radio | News Editor - Cody | Y |
| 13 Nov | Workplace Issues –Alco | ADCA/DT | ABC Vic State-wide Drive | Radio | Kathy Bedford – 03 53201043 | Y |
| 15 Nov | Policy Call on Pollies | ADCA/BF | The Age | Print | Jill Stark | Y |
| 15 Nov | Policy Call on Pollies | ADCA/BF | ABC Canberra | Radio | Chris Uhlmann | Y |
| 15 Nov | Schoolies Message NSW | ADCA/DT | 2SM Sydney | Radio | Dianna Coveny- Garland – 02 95522454 | Y |
| 15 Nov | Schoolies Message Qld | ADCA/DT | MMM – B105.2 | Radio | Emma Blackwood – 07 32430110 | Y |
| 15 Nov | Schoolies SA | ADCA/DT | ABC Adel Afternoon | Radio | Carol Whitelock – 08 8343 4102 | Y |
| 18 Nov | PM & Zero tolerance | ADCA/BF | The Australian – 1 st Edition | Print | John Stapleton – 02 9288 3000 | Y |
| 18 Nov | PM and Zero tolerance | ADCA/DT | The Australian – 2 nd Edition | Print | Nicola Birkerwich – 02 9288 1622 | Y |
| 18 Nov | PM and Zero tolerance | ADCA/DT | 2UE – Sydney – 3AW, 4BC, 6PR, 96FM | Radio | Latika Beruka – 02 9930 9923 | Y |
| 21 Nov | Schoolies – Gold Coast | ADCA/DT | 2SM – Sydney | Radio | Leonie Ryan – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 22 Nov | Schoolies – NSW South Coast and Inland | ADCA/DT | ABC Regional NSW Afternoon Show | Radio | Bonita Brown – Becky 02 44284511 | Y |
| 22 Nov | ADCA Alcohol Policy | ADCA/DT | The Age | Print | Jill Stark | Y |
| 22 Nov | ADCA Alcohol Policy | ADCA/DT | ABC Classic FM | Radio | Margaret Thorsby | Y |

| 23 Nov | ADCA Alcohol Policy | ADCA/DT | ABC Radio National | Radio | Sandy Aliose | Y |
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| 27 Nov | Alcohol Guidelines | ADCA/BF | Herald Sun | Print | Ben Packham | Y |
| 11 Dec | Alcohol Special | ADCA/BF | News Ltd | Electroni c | Diane Nazaroff – 02 92887672 | Y |
| 14 Dec | Alcohol Guidelines | ADCA/DT | 3AW Morning Program | Radio | Neil Mitchell – 0412 954761 | Y |
| 18 Dec | Festive Season - Survey | ADCA/DT | ABC Darwin | Radio | Cathy Harper – 08 89433152 | Y |
| 18 Dec | Festive Season | ADCA/DT | Western Suburbs Chain – Perth | Print | Rachael – 0417 108362 | Y |
| 19 Dec | Branding – Survey | ADCA/DT | ABC Radio News | Radio | Cathy Harper | Y |
| 19 Dec | Branding - Survey | ADCA/DT | Radio Australia | Radio | Cathy Harper | Y |
| 19 Dec | Festive Season | ADCA/DT | Goolarri Radio – Broome/Indig/10min | Radio | Robert Lee – Pallas 08 919211325 | Y |
| 19 Dec | Festive Season | ADCA/DT | 5RPH Adelaide – 10 minutes | Radio | Philip Beddall 08 8231 1197 | Y |
| 19 Nov | Festive Season | ADCA/BF | ABC Radio – Western Vic | Radio | Fiona Parker – 03 53815311 | Y |
| 19 Nov | Festive Season – branding | ADCA/DT | Andrew Close – 666 Canberra Drive | Radio | Andrea Close – 02 6275 4544 – 10 mins | Y |
| 21 Dec | Xmas Day Message | ADCA/DT | 4BC Brisbane | Radio | Danielle Johnson – 07 3908 8286 | Y |
| 22 Dec | Xmas Message | ADCA/DT | Broome Community Radio - Goolarii | Radio | Robert Lee – 08 9192 1325 - Pallas | Y |
| 22 Dec | Festive Season | ADCA/DT | Western Suburbs Press Perth | Print | Rachael – 0417 108 362 | Y |
| 31 Dec | New Year's Eve – Festive Season | ADCA/DT | ABC Radio – Western Vic | Radio | Fiona Parker – 03 5381 5311 - 10 | Y |
| 1 Jan 08 | NEW YEAR | | | | | |
| 8 Jan | Full Strength Alcohol at Aust Open | ADCA/DT | Triple M | Radio | Abbey – 03 9536 8888 | Y |
| 10 Jan | New Guidelines | ADCA/BF | 4GR | Radio | Mike Boyd – 07 4634 8874 | Y |
| 15 Jan | Branding Issues | ADCA/BF | Herald Sub | Print | Susie O'Brien – 03 9836 0841 | Y |
| 30 Jan | New Guidelines | ADCA/BF | Sunday Tele | Print | Ellen Connolly | Y |
| 31 Jan | Alcohol Taxes | ADCA/BF | Sunshine Coast Daily | Print | Bligh | Y |
| 31 Jan | Alcohol and drugs | ADCA/BF | ABC News.Com | Radio | Diane Nazaroff – 02 9288 7672 | Y |
| 20 Feb | Alcohol Bill – binge drinking | ADCA/DT | ABC World Today | Radio | Sydney Producer | Y |
| 20 Feb | Alcohol Bill – binge drinking | ADCA/BF | Southern Cross 10 | TV | Guy Sweeting – 02 6242 2313 | Y |
| 20 Feb | Alcohol Bill – binge drinking | ADCA/DT | Bloomberg News | Radio | Jemma Daly – 02 6277 1019 | Y |
| 21 Feb | Alcohol Bill – binge drinking | ADCA/DT | 2UE | Radio | Kate Kelly – 02 9930 9971 | Y |

| 21 Feb | Alcohol Bill – binge drinking | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Georgie – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
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| 25 Feb | Teenage binge drinking | ADCA/DT | WIN News Hobart | TV | Brent Costelloe 0418 520 871 | Y |
| 25 Feb | Teenage binge drinking | ADCA/DT | WIN TV Canberra | TV | Merryn Cooper – 6234 5674 | Y |
| 25 Feb | Teenage binge drinking | ADCA/DT | Canberra FM – MIX and 104.7 | Radio | Kate Taylor – 6242 0860 | Y |
| 25 Feb | Excise on Alcohol | ADCA/DT | Herald-Sun Melb | Print | Carly Crawford - 03 | Y |
| 29 Feb | Pubs/ Clubs closing times | ADCA/DT | Courier Mail Bris | Print | Melanie Christiansen – 07 3666 6235 | Y |
| 7 March | Alcohol – Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | WIN TV Canberra | TV | Erin 6234 5674 | Y |
| 7 March | New wave of heroin coming into Australia | ADCA/DT | Triple M Melbourne | Radio | Abbey – 03 9536 8888 | Y |
| 7 March | Alcohol issues | ADCA/DT | ABC PM | Radio | Sabra Lane – 6275 4644 | Y |
| 7 March | Drink Spiking in NSW | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Rebecca – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | ABC PM | Radio | Hayden Cooper – 6275 4644 | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Channel 10 | TV | Murray McCluskie – 6273 2210 | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Channel 7 | TV | Andrew Green | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Channel 2 | TV | Greg Jennett – 6275 4640 | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | SBS Radio | Radio | Michael Kenny – 02 9430 2858 | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Financial Review | Print | Reporter | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Sydney Morning Herald | Print | Reporter | Y |
| 10 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | AAP | Wire Service | Reporter | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | ABC Western Vic | Radio | Fiona 03 5381 5311 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | WIN TV Canberra | TV | Geraldine Nordfeldt – 6234 5678 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | 2UE | Radio | Steve Price – 02 9930 9973 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Kerry – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Georgie – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | ABC Southern Qld | Radio | Belinda Sanders – 07 4631 3811 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | SEN Radio Vic | Radio | Antonio – 03 8420 1116 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Sports Radio Melb | Radio | Kevin Bartlett – 03 9429 1116 | Y |
| 11 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/DT | Channel 7 NiteCap | TV | Kari Keenan – 02 | Y |

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| 19 Mar | Binge Drinking | ADCA/BF | Western Independent | Print | Lauren Bettridge – email | Y |
| 20 Mar | RTDs – Fosters and Lion Nathan | ADCA/DT | ABC Radio | Radio | Emma Swift 02 8333 2137 | Y |
| 21 Mar | RTDs – F and LN | ADCA/BF | 2SM | Radio | Georgie 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 21 Mar | Drug test kits/ Oxford St | ADCA/BF | Daily Telegraph | Print` | Justin Vallejo 0403 004360 | Y |
| 25 Mar | Binge Drinking – alcohol | ADCA/DT | Triple J - HACK | Radio | Kate O'Toole 0422 247 201 for Tom Tilley | Y |
| 27 Mar | Binge Drinking – closing hours | ADCA/DT | 4ZZZ | Radio | Stephen Stockwell | Y |
| 28 Mar | ACCC – industry self- regulation | ADCA/DT | SMH | Print | Julian Lee 02 92822510 or 0422 343086 | Y |
| 31 Mar | Alcohol sponsorship | ADCA/DT | Uni of Canberra | Online | Meredith Clisby – 0431 915195 | Y |
| 2 April | Awards | ADCA/BF | The Age | Print | Jill Stark | Y |
| 2 April | Awards | ADCA/BF | Canberra Times | Print | Danielle Cronin | Y |
| 7 April | Binge Classes | ADCA/DT | AAP | News service | Nick Ralston – 02 9233 4236 | Y |
| 7 April | Binge Classes | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Georgie – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 8 April | Alcohol costs etc | ADCA/DT | Channel 10 | TV | Murray McClusky – 6273 2210 | Y |
| 8 April | Alcohol costs etc | ADCA/DT | 2SM | Radio | Georgie – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 14 April | Workplace Policy | ADCA/DT | 3YB - Vic | Radio | Lois Chislett – 03 5564 3888 | Y |
| 15 April | Alcohol-related violence | ADCA/DT | 2UE | Radio | Joel – 02 99309936 | Υ |
| 17 April | Binge-drinking | ADCA/DT | ABC JJJ | Radio | Kate O'Toole – 02 3333 2956 | Y |
| 17 April | Awards | ADCA/BF | Intercontinental Hotels | Evenet manage ment | Dan McAlpine – 02 6277 55378 | Y |
| 18 April | Cancer Report | ADCA/DT | Sunday Age | Print | 0422 675 167 | Υ |
| 19 April | RTDs – tax | ADCA/DT | The Australian | Print | Nicola Berkervisch | Y |
| 21 April | RTDs - tax | ADCA/DT | ABC Southern Qld | Radio | Vickie Thompson – 07 4631 3811 | Y |
| 21 April | RTDs – tax | ADCA/DT | ABC The World Today | Radio | Ashley Hall – 02 8333 2183 | Y |
| 21 April | RTDs – tax | ADCA/DT | WIN TV Canberra | TV | Francio Keany – 02 6234 5674 | Y |
| 22 April | Mental Health – Alcohol | ADCA/DT | Sunday Age | Print | John Mangan – 03 9601 2650 | Y |
| 29 April | RTDs - tax | ADCA/DT | Melbourne Uni | Radio | Rebecca Angove – | Υ |

| | | | Radio | | 0402 811 346 | |
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| 30 April | Melbourne Club Curfew | ADCA/DT | 2SM Radio Sydney | Radio | Pipa 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 2 May | RTDs - tax | ADCA/DT | Sunday Age | Print | Peter Munro – 0416 554 654 | Y |
| 5 May | Alco-pops tax | ADCA/DT | 90.7 Sydney FM | Radio | Larisa Tait 0411 521 180 | Y |
| 6 May | Senate Inquiry | ADCA/DT | ABC Four Corners | TV | Sarah Curnow – 0417 421 123 | Y |
| 6 May | RTDs – Tax & doughnuts | ADCA/DT | Courier Mail - Bris | Print | Melanie Christensen – 07 3666 6235 | Y |
| 8 May | Rural alcohol issues | ADCA/DT | ABC Riverland | Radio | Bronwyn Ward (Peta) 08 8586 1341 | У |
| 11 May | RTDs – Steyne Hotel | ADCA/DT | ABC Sydney News | Radio | Emma – 02 8333 2137 | Y |
| 11 May | RTDs – Steyne Hotel | ADCA/DT | 2SM Radio Sydney | Radio | Morgan – 02 9552 2454 | Y |
| 11 May | RTDs – Steyne Hotel | ADCA/DT | 2UE Radio Sydney | Radio | Hermie – 02 9930 9947/ 27 | Y |
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