

# Submission to the review of alcohol

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Alcohol is the most widely used drug in Australia it contributes to the 3 major causes of teen death: injury, homicide and suicide. Around 1 in 5 (18.2%) Australians over 14 drink at levels that put them at risk of alcohol-related harm over their lifetime, 1 in 4 women drink alcohol while pregnant, even though the Australian alcohol guidelines recommend not drinking during this time. \$7b is generated by alcohol-related tax. But alcohol costs society \$15.3b annually.

Alcohol caused more than twice as many deaths (3,494) than road accidents (1,600) in 2005. THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO KEEP ALCOHOL LAWS IN PLACE

Regards,

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