

Inquiry into Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007.

The Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn wish to support the aims of the above Bill.

Our Organisation is very concerned by the growing incidence of 'binge drinking' and feel this needs urgent attention and the Bill is one step in the right direction.

In a recent report, The Australian National Council on Drugs underlined the need for more support for families with teenagers who 'binge drink' and restricting advertising, especially advertising that associates sport and drinking, would be a positive start. A survey in Britain by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers found, almost two-thirds of students admitted sports stars were who they most wanted to emulate. What the report by the Australian National Council on Drugs clearly stated was that drug and alcohol use by young people has become normalised and is often seen as a rite of passage to adulthood. Too many people of all ages, associate having a 'good time', with over-indulgence in alcohol. Early education on the effects of alcohol abuse is a must.

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