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The Hon Marlene Kairouz MP
Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation
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Dear Minister

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the review of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 (Victoria). This Review provides a valuable opportunity for the Victorian Government to implement evidence-based reforms to reduce alcohol harm.

As president of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) Victorian Branch, and on behalf of the branch members, I would like to offer my support to the submission prepared by the Alcohol Policy Coalition (APC). APC is a collaboration of health and allied agencies who share a concern about the level of alcohol misuse and the associated health and social consequences for the community.

Too many people are affected by alcohol harm in Victoria through assault, domestic violence, road crashes, and child maltreatment. In 2012-13, there were 7,744 emergency department presentations in Victoria in which alcohol was identified as a contributing factor. The rate of such presentations have increased by 58.6 per cent since 2003-04, from 8.7 per 100,000 to 13.8 per 100,000.

Myself and representatives of the PHAA would be very pleased to meet with you in person to discuss the review in more detail, and we would also welcome the opportunity to provide a verbal submission to the review committee if such an opportunity is available. Thank you once again for the opportunity to raise these important issues with you.

Yours sincerely

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