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SENATOR FIELDING URGED TO SUPPORT ALCOPOPS TAX DEAL

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is urging Senator Fielding to back the new agreement on the alcopops tax. The Government, Greens and Senator Xenophon have reached an agreement supporting the tax with substantial additional funding for public education and community projects.

“This is a win-win proposition. It would be a tragedy for the community if the tax now failed. The future of the tax now rests with Senator Fielding. He has a special and genuine concern about alcohol problems. With that goes a particular responsibility to make the tax happen,” said Professor Mike Daube, President of PHAA.

“The Government and cross-benches are to be congratulated on reaching an agreement. We urge Senator Fielding to join them.

“He will have earned the appreciation of all Australians for ensuring the delivery of both the tax and the substantial additional funding for programs designed to reduce alcohol-related harm in the community,” said Professor Daube.

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