

## **MEDIA ALERT: PRESS CONFERENCE**

### **Public health experts & politicians meet to discuss alcopops and alcohol policy**

**Where:** Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House

**When:** Monday 15 June 2009

**Time:** 3pm

Public health experts from around the country are gathering at Parliament House in Canberra today to discuss long term alcohol policy issues, including the proposed 'alcopops' legislation, after discussion with politicians who will determine the fate of the tax.

The Minister for Health and Ageing along with the Shadow Minister and key crossbench Senators are attending the meeting to speak about their perspectives and hear recommendations from experts in the field.

The meeting which has been organised by the Public Health Association of Australia and VicHealth will commence at 9:30am and conclude at 3pm with a press conference.

**Resolutions and outcomes from the meeting will be outlined at the 3pm press conference.**

“The meeting brings together representatives from leading health organisations, including those working in the alcohol and drug arena, researchers and policy makers to provide advice to politicians regarding the alcopops tax and other alcohol policy issues. We believe it is vital that alcohol experts hear the views of leading politicians, and that their decisions in turn are informed by the best available evidence and advice,” said Professor Mike Daube, President of the Public Health Association of Australia.

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