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The Hon. Jenny Mikakos Minister for Health Level 22, 50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, VIC 3000

By email: minister.health@health.vic.gov.au

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Dear Minister, Jenny

Re: Alcohol Health Warnings

I am writing to respectfully request that you vote to implement the evidence-based warning label recommended by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) at that next meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation.

As you are aware FSANZ has demonstrated compelling reasons why action is needed to address the preventable health problems caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy, and the effectiveness of clear health warnings as a tool to raise awareness of this problem and support the necessary behavioural change.

I believe that the people of Victoria expect in your position as Minister for Health to act in a way that prioritises the health of Victorians, over the advocacy of the commercial alcohol industry.

I am happy to discuss this issue with you further.

Yours Sincerely.

Dr Tim Read

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