



Professor Marcia Langton Gets It Wrong On ABC's 7:30

Last night during an interview on ABC's 7:30 programme on alcohol restrictions in indigenous communities, Professor Marcia Langton made the serious and false claim that the debate was being driven by 'a very clever marketing strategy designed by thedistilled spirits industry.'

Stephen Riden, Research and Communications Manager for the Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia (DSICA) categorically rejected her accusation.

"The spirits industry has not and never has discussed with any Government the notion of removing alcohol bans in indigenous communities. It has not called for such a move privately or publicly. Marcia Langton has got it wrong", Mr Riden said.

The abuse and misuse of alcohol in any community, indigenous or non-indigenous, is a serious social and health issue which the spirits industry takes very seriously.

"Professor Langton might benefit from a briefing on the work we do, and our commitment to seeing a comprehensive solution to binge-drinking and substance abuse in the community", Mr Riden said.

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