



## **Full-disclosure of research hits a raw nerve with Government**

The Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia (DSICA) has hit back at claims by the Minister of Health that it is selective in its use of research showing that the alcopop tax hike is failing.

DSICA commissioned up-to-date research through an independent and respected source because the Government is failing to present its evidence. In contrast to anonymous leaks and bland and fact-free parliamentary answers from the Government, DSICA always releases or makes available the full reports that it commissions from independent consultancies.

DSICA reinforced that its members do not expect or want a refund of the revenue already collected under the tax. DSICA members want to see the money spent on community-based alcohol harm reduction programs.

Critically, and in stark contrast to DSICA's efforts, the Government and the public health sector have failed to present any credible evidence of their own that the tax has worked to reduce binge drinking.

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