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Dear Professor Kelso

Re: *NHMRC Public Consultation: Draft revised Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol*

Thank you for consulting the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) regarding the draft *Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol* (the draft guidelines). As the pre-eminent and national leader of the nursing profession, and a community of dynamic and passionate nurses, ACN welcomes opportunities to support these important initiatives within the broader clinical community. ACN agrees that the impacts of excessive alcohol consumption have far-reaching effects individually and throughout the community, and it is imperative for Australians to be well-informed about the risks.

ACN has carefully reviewed the draft guidelines and found them to be of a high-quality and to be well-supported by evidence. As such, ACN offers its support of the draft guidelines, with no recommendation of any changes.

If you have further enquiries regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dr Carolyn Stapleton FACN, Manager – Policy and Advocacy, at Carolyn.Stapleton@acn.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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