



**Submission from the Dietitians Association of Australia
Application A576
LABELLING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITH A PREGNANCY
HEALTH ADVISORY LABEL
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The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the national association of the dietetic profession. DAA represents over 3400 members, with branches in each State and Territory. DAA is a leader in nutrition and advocates for better food, better health, better living for all. DAA welcomes the opportunity to comment on Application A576.

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) supports Option 2 of Application A576 to amend the Code to require a health advisory label on alcoholic beverage containers advising of the risk of consuming alcohol when planning to become pregnant and during pregnancy. DAA believes that there is sufficient evidence to warrant such labeling in order to protect a vulnerable group in the Australian population. Furthermore, this initiative is consistent with the draft NHMRC document – *Australian Alcohol Guidelines for Low-risk Drinking*.

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