

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES



**SUBMISSION TO FSANZ ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOOD STANDARDS CODE**

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Application A576 – It is not clear whether this relates to Australia as well as New Zealand. However, our committee supports this application in principle. Such a warning is mandatory in USA and some European countries. While we are in agreement with any move to discourage drinking while pregnant or planning to become pregnant we feel such a warning would have little effect. In many cases women consume alcoholic drinks in glasses – either mixed drinks, draught beer or wine in glasses. These would have no warning label. Wine in a restaurant or as a guest in a private home is poured from the bottle into a glass and in most cases, the drinker has no opportunity to see the label and therefore the warning. In France the warning is in such small print that most people are unaware it is even on the label. Surely any responsible woman is already aware, with the help of her doctor and general knowledge that drinking alcohol is dangerous to her unborn child. However, we repeat, we support the warning, for what it is worth.