

With attention often focused on violence around pubs, clubs and bars, alcohol's impact on children is often overlooked. Canberrans want political parties to address this oversight to ensure we are giving our kids the best start in life.

Ahead of the 2016 Legislative Assembly election, where do the major parties stand on key alcohol policies aimed at protecting Canberra kids from further alcohol harm?



1 ESTABLISH A FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER (FASD) CLINIC				
2 EXPAND THE LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD TO INCLUDE A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE				
3 BAN ALCOHOL ADVERTISING ON ALL ACT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY				
4 ISOLATE ALCOHOL PRODUCTS IN SUPERMARKETS TO AREAS CHILDREN CANNOT ACCESS AND RESTRICT ALCOHOL PROMOTIONS TO INSIDE THIS AREA				
5 INCREASE ANNUAL LICENCE FEES FOR ALL BOTTLE SHOPS BY A MINIMUM OF 25 PER CENT				
6 INTRODUCE CONTROLLED PURCHASE OPERATIONS TO ENFORCE SUPPLY TO MINOR LEGAL PROVISIONS				
	STRONG SUPPORT	SOME ACTION OR WILL CONSIDER	UNCERTAIN OR NO RESPONSE	NO SUPPORT

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) asked parties and candidates to respond to six alcohol policy questions, based on FARE's ACT election platform 2016: *Protecting Canberra kids from alcohol harm*. This scorecard has been developed based on the responses received.

Join the discussion on Twitter at #ACTvotes and include the keywords alcohol or #alcohol in your post. FARE is an independent not-for-profit organisation working to stop the harm caused by alcohol.

FARE'S ASSESSMENT

PARTY RESPONSE

ACT Labor did not respond directly to individual questions, which made it difficult to assess their commitment to protecting children from alcohol harm. They committed to increasing licence fees for large bottle shops by up to 20 per cent.



The Canberra Liberals did not make any strong commitments to protecting children from alcohol harm, but were open to expanding the Liquor Advisory Board. They were not supportive of changes to bottle shop licence fees and banning alcohol advertising on ACT Government property.



The ACT Greens committed \$500,000 for a FASD clinic in the ACT from July 2018, and provided some support for all six alcohol policy areas.



Sustainable Australia (ACT) provided strong support for four alcohol policy areas, but did not have policies on alcohol advertising and bottle shop licence fees.

