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Dear Mr Thorn,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the views of the Coalition on important issues facing your members. A response to your questions is attached.

This election will have real consequences for Australia's economy and our future.

Despite global headwinds, our economy is strong. This year, for the first time in more than a decade, the Government will deliver a Budget surplus.

A stronger economy means we can deliver on our plans to:

1. Create 1.25 million more jobs over the next five years.
2. Maintain budget surpluses and pay down debt.
3. Deliver tax relief to encourage and reward hard working Australians.
4. Guarantee increased investments for schools, hospitals and roads.
5. Keep Australians safe and our borders secure.

The alternative at this election is Mr Shorten. Labor's risky agenda includes billions of dollars of higher taxes – on retirees, housing, incomes, investments, family businesses, electricity and more.

Thank you for communicating our response to your members.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Hirst
Federal Director

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The Morrison Government is guaranteeing the essential services Australians rely on. The Morrison Government is increasing funding for hospitals, medicines and Medicare. **This record investment in healthcare under the Morrison Government means more doctors, more nurses, more medicines and more services.** It is the tangible benefit of a strong economy and is why the Morrison Government is so committed to keeping our economy strong.

Our Plan for Strengthening Australia's World-Class Health System is available here: <https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan-strengthening-australias-world-class-health-system>

Will the Liberal Party fund a \$100 million four-year national awareness campaign to inform Australians of alcohol's health harms?

The Morrison Government has committed more than \$720 million over four years to reduce the impact of drug and alcohol misuse on individuals, families and communities.

Although state and territory governments are the primary funders of drug and alcohol treatment services, the Commonwealth is providing an investment of approximately \$574 million over four years from 2016-17 for drug and alcohol treatment services and national leadership.

Approximately \$374 million of this investment is provided to Primary Health Networks to commission locally based treatment in line with community needs. This includes:

- the additional \$241.5 million committed under the *National Ice Action Strategy*; this includes \$78.6 million for Indigenous-specific services; and
- \$132.8 million for the drug and alcohol program (from 2017-18); this includes \$46 million for indigenous-specific services.

Future funding for awareness campaigns will be considered based on the Government's health priorities.

Will the Liberal Party commission an independent inquiry into alcohol advertising across all platforms?

The rules relating to the scheduling of alcohol advertising are provided under a co-regulatory framework overseen by the independent media regulator, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Broadcasting industry codes, including the *Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice*, are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain relevant and that the safeguards they contain address community standards.

The ACMA has the ultimate responsibility for the registration of codes.