

## Amy Ferguson

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**Subject:** FW: 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

**From:** Advance SA Party [<mailto:hello@advancesaparty.com.au>]

**Sent:** Friday, 23 February 2018 11:23 AM

**To:**

**Subject:** Re: 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

Dear Sarah,

I refer to the letter from Mr Michael Thorn and Mr Michael White regarding alcohol policy reform.

Advance SA acknowledges that alcohol abuse is an epidemic in our community and supports the first two questions by FARE and SANDAS in your letter dated 21 February 2018.

With regard to the third question, Advance SA acknowledges this may be one method to reduce alcohol consumption however we hold concerns that such a policy may result in an increase in illegal alcohol distilling or turning to dangerous alternatives (such as consuming household products). Advance SA is not opposed to the proposal and believes it has merit however we would need more information and undertake further research before being able to make a position on this matter.

Thank you for seeking our views on this.

Regards  
Jenny Low  
Advance SA candidate

On Wed, Feb 21, 2018 at 3:22 PM, Sarah McBride <[sarah.mcbride@fare.org.au](mailto:sarah.mcbride@fare.org.au)> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr Darley

Please find attached correspondence from Mr Michael Thorn, FARE Chief Executive and Mr Michael White, SANDAS Executive Officer.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Regards

Sarah

**Sarah McBride**  
**Administration Coordinator**

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**Subject:** FW: 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

**From:** Australian Conservatives <[Conservatives@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Conservatives@parliament.sa.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 March 2018 5:38 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

Dear Sarah,

Please find below a statement from the Australian Conservatives in response to the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education's correspondence:

*"The Australian Conservatives acknowledges the harmful impact alcohol abuse has within our communities and the burden it places on families and on our healthcare system. We therefore support the further investigation of measures that have proven to reduce alcohol abuse in other jurisdictions for their potential adoption in South Australia.*

*We strongly advocate for personal responsibility with regard to the consumption of alcohol as well as the provision of adequate funding for services assisting those seeking treatment for alcohol dependence."*

We trust this is of assistance.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Sarah McBride [<mailto:sarah.mcbride@fare.org.au>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 March 2018 1:46 PM

**To:** Hood, Dennis <[Dennis.Hood@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Dennis.Hood@parliament.sa.gov.au)>

**Subject:** FW: 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Hood

Following our letter dated 21 February, we await Australian Conservatives (SA) response regarding alcohol policy reform.

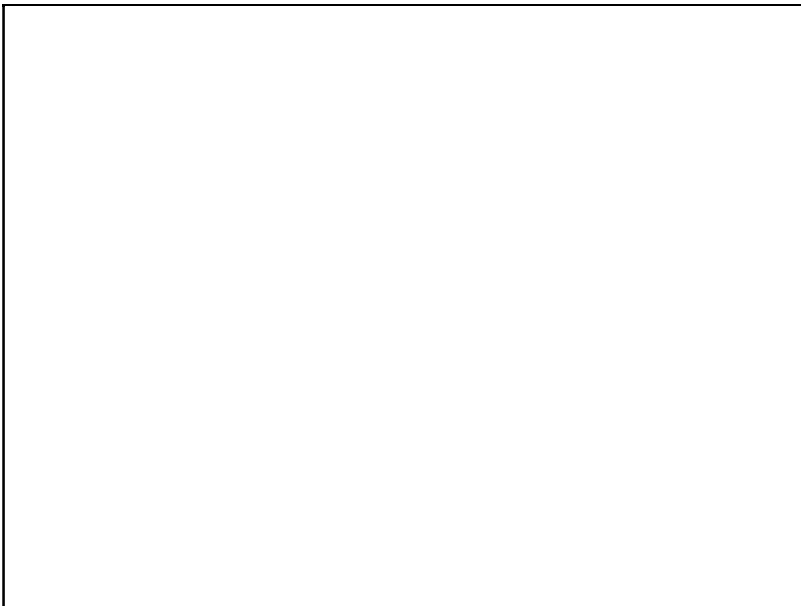
If you could kindly provide your response to our questions at your earliest convenience.

Regards  
Sarah

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**From:** Sarah McBride  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 February 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** 'dennis.hood@parliament.sa.gov.au' <[dennis.hood@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:dennis.hood@parliament.sa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** 2018 SA Election - Alcohol Policy Reform

Good afternoon Mr Hood

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We look forward to receiving your response.

Regards  
Sarah

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Mr Michael Thorn  
Chief Executive  
Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education  
Mr Michael White  
Executive Officer  
The South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services  
[sarah.mcbride@fare.org.au](mailto:sarah.mcbride@fare.org.au)

Dear Mr Thorn and Mr White

I refer to your letters (in October 2017 and February 2018) to the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia, regarding the 2018 State Election. We thank the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education and the South Australian Network of Drug and Alcohol Services for outlining your key priorities ahead of the election.

Labor acknowledges and respects the important role your organisations play in supporting the South Australian community and reducing the harms caused by drug and alcohol abuse.

The South Australian Labor government shares your commitment to ensuring the best possible health outcomes across our community.

Labor has committed more than \$4 billion to upgrade every metropolitan public hospital and every major country hospital in South Australia, and will provide more than \$70 million over the next five years in additional funding towards mental health services across South Australia – on top of the \$372 million already invested in our mental health infrastructure.

In relation to your key asks, we confirm that Labor Government is committed to reducing the impact of alcohol harm in South Australia.

That is why the Labor Government developed the *South Australian Alcohol and Other Drug Strategy 2017-2021*, which is a whole-of-government harm minimisation response. One of the aims of this strategy is to reduce the prevalence of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

The next Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) is anticipated to take place in June 2018. This meeting will consider a range of options regarding the placement and design of pregnancy health warnings on alcohol products.

A re-elected Labor Government will consult with public health stakeholders, such as FARE and SANDAS, before a decision is endorsed at the next Forum meeting.

Labor has a bold and confident plan for the future, one that puts our state, our people, first. Building on our proud record of innovation and progressive reform, we will create new jobs and industries, and make this an even better place to live, work, visit, do business and raise a family. You can read our policies at [Standing Up For South Australia](#) and download our full [2018 Policy Document here](#).

We hope that you will continue to work with us to build upon everything we have achieved, making South Australia more prosperous and harmonious for all.

Kind regards  
Stakeholder Response Team

12/03/18



# VICKIE CHAPMAN MP

MEMBER FOR BRAGG



Mr Michael Thorn  
Chief Executive  
Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education

Mr Michael White  
Executive Officer  
The South Australia Network of Drug and Alcohol Services

15 March 2018

Dear Mr Thorn and Mr White,

Thank you for your letter regarding alcohol policies sent on 21 February 2018. I am responding on behalf of Steven Marshall in relation to your points as per below:

## 1. Pregnancy health warnings on alcohol products

The SA Liberal Party considers that, to be effective, a system of mandatory pregnancy health warnings on alcohol products and point of sale material would need to be part of a nationally consistent approach.

The Liberal Party understands that on 24 November 2017, the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation asked its Food Regulation Standing Committee to develop as quickly as possible a policy options consultation paper on the application of pregnancy health warnings on alcohol products and associated issues.

If elected on 17 March, a Marshall Liberal Government will consider the policy options outlined in the consultation paper ahead of the next meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on 29 June 2018.

## 2. Mandatory Collection of Sales Data

In the 2016 Review of Liquor laws in South Australia, Mr Tim Anderson QC raised the collection of wholesale sales data. The recommendation Mr Anderson made around this collection was accepted in principle by the Government, subject to costing and feasibility. This collection does not require legislative change and is therefore already underway.

The Liberal Party is supportive in red tape reduction for businesses where possible and reasonable. Such a system of collection of retail data should be monitored closely to ensure a burden is not placed on retailers beyond current systems.





# VICKIE CHAPMAN MP

MEMBER FOR BRAGG



### 3. Minimum Floor Price for Alcohol

A minimum floor price for alcohol was also raised in the Anderson review. Mr Anderson stated that although such a minimum price could be dealt with at a state level, it would be more appropriate, effective and consistent for this to be dealt with at a national level

The Northern Territory has recently become the first Australian jurisdiction to impose a minimum floor price for alcohol. The model used in the Northern Territory is a minimum price, rather than a volumetric one, meaning some products are not affected, however other products see price increases.

Following the Northern Territory example we would see price rises across the board. If South Australia were to follow the NT model, it is likely consumers would see a bottle of wine, with around 7 standard units of alcohol, having a minimum price of around \$9.30 per bottle. Following this same model a standard 4 litre cask of red with 41 standard drinks will be a minimum of \$53.30 and white with 36 drinks will be \$46.80 minimum.

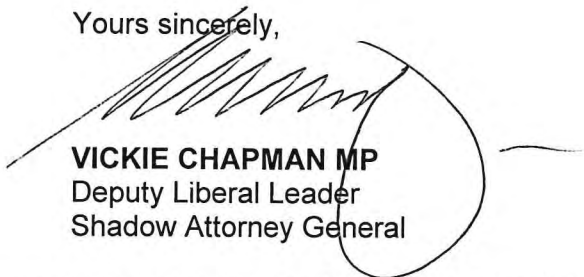
We have a situation where a majority of Australians drink responsibly. Although a minimum floor price is aimed at targeting problem consumption, it is probable it will target the elderly and those on pensions who purchase alcohol in casks.

The Liberal Party strongly supports our agricultural regions, and wants to see our state prosper. A minimum floor price is likely to lead to an increase in alcohol costs across the board, impacting the local industry. South Australia is home to many wine producing areas. Areas like the Riverland produce the largest portion of grapes for cask wine and exporting, which will be negatively impacted from a price rise following minimum floor pricing.

We reiterate that this is a policy which should be investigated more deeply by the Federal Government to ensure a comprehensive strategy across Australia, and would be cautious that any minimum pricing strategy is likely to have a negative impact on the industry and wine / local alcohol producers. Such a policy is likely to inadvertently target responsible alcohol consumption and the elderly, and will increase red tape for businesses and industry.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



**VICKIE CHAPMAN MP**  
Deputy Liberal Leader  
Shadow Attorney General

Mr Michael White  
SANDAS Executive Officer

Mr Michael Thorn  
FARE Chief Executive  
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Dear Michael and Michael,

### **2018 South Australian Election – Alcohol Policy Reform**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 February 2018.

Over recent weeks we have experienced a significant number of requests for meetings and specific information about SA-BEST's views and policy positions.

As you can appreciate, it is a very busy time for all our candidates. As a small party, we don't have a large number of resources available and unfortunately, will not be able to attend to your request before the election on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Please rest assured that should SA-BEST gain representation in the next Parliament of South Australia, your request will be attended to.

Should you require further information about any of SA-BEST's policies, we encourage you to view them on our website here: <https://sabest.org.au/state-policies/>

We sincerely thank you for your interest in our views and look forward to discussion with you in the future.

Kind Regards

**Nick Xenophon's  
SA-BEST Team**

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**Amy Ferguson**

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**Subject:** FW: Response to FARE & SANDAS from Greens SA

**From:** Franks, Office <[Franks.Office@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:Franks.Office@parliament.sa.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 March 2018 1:14 PM

**To:**

**Subject:** Response to FARE & SANDAS from Greens SA

Dear Mr Thorn and Mr White

**RE: 2018 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ELECTION – ALCOHOL POLICY REFORM**

Thank you for asking for a response from the Greens SA regarding our policies at the forthcoming State Election. We acknowledge the important work of FARE and SANDAS in advocating for preventative health measures, with particular regard to alcohol policy reform.

It is important to say from the outset, the Greens are guided by our four pillars: ecological sustainability, grassroots democracy, social justice, and peace and non-violence. These pillars inform everything the party does in the Parliament, and we view preventative health as a significant social justice issue.

While the Greens will not be in a position to form government after the election, we will continue to play an important role in the Legislative Council, where it is likely that whoever forms government in the next Parliament will require our support to pass legislation. The Greens will be an essential alternative voice, raising matters of concern and holding the government of the day to account.

The Greens have been strong advocates for a greater investment in preventative health measures in this state, with an aim to keep more South Australians in better health and out of our hospitals.

We therefore support the three policies outlined in your letter:

- Mandatory alcohol pregnancy warnings by 2019
- Mandatory collection of alcohol sales data in SA
- A minimum floor price for alcohol in SA

Each of these measures will help to relieve the substantial burden that alcohol places on our health system.

I hope this letter provides you and your members with some more information as to where the Greens stand coming up to the State Election. If you or your members have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at [franks.office@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:franks.office@parliament.sa.gov.au) or on 8237 9296.

Kind regards

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