# Tasmanian Drug Strategy 2023-2028

The Tasmanian Government has been developing a new Drug Strategy for 2023-2028. The Strategy is intended to provide a whole-of-government and whole-of-community framework to enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of all Tasmanians. FARE responded to [the final Consultation Draft](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.tas.gov.au%2Fnode%2F16511&data=05%7C01%7CSteven.Rummukainen%40fare.org.au%7C84a24e0fbe0f4a17648508dbae8e8d7b%7C529fe962c9ab412f8a3ca9731674181d%7C0%7C0%7C638295699526689889%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mtE%2Bu4n2wxCBPsuFZ3OTgThFE8SqurxIF96MXDGYl5w%3D&reserved=0), and to the [Consultation Paper](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.health.tas.gov.au%2Fnode%2F16531&data=05%7C01%7CSteven.Rummukainen%40fare.org.au%7C84a24e0fbe0f4a17648508dbae8e8d7b%7C529fe962c9ab412f8a3ca9731674181d%7C0%7C0%7C638295699526846115%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a5OZ1%2FpzNf8STcEWB%2FSmpffufcxnL9edoS92j0qDj%2BM%3D&reserved=0).

## FARE recommendations:

### Vision, aim, principles and strategic objectives

* take a ‘social and commercial determinants of health’ approach, by regulating the inherent conflicts of interest between alcohol harm minimisation, and alcohol companies and their lobbyists.

### Prevention

* build on successful awareness campaigns that avoid stigma such as FARE’s National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Campaign ‘*Every Moment Matters’*.
* exclude alcohol companies and their lobby groups from any involvement in the development, delivery or promotion of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) education and resources.

### Alcohol

* exclude alcohol companies and their lobby groups from membership and involvement in the Alcohol Advisory Group.
* follow the priorities of the National Alcohol Strategy in the Alcohol Action Plan.
* follow the priorities of the National FASD Strategic Action Plan in the FASD Action Plan.
* add activities about regulating online sale and delivery, and promotion and marketing.

### Interventions and treatment

* prioritise funding treatment services, recognising the significant need, significant underfunding, and the significant return on health investment in funding treatment.

### Evidence base

* include policies with an identified evidence base in the implementation plans, including FASD prevention, online sales and delivery of alcohol, and digital alcohol marketing.
* identify evidence and data gaps and commission relevant research.
* exclude alcohol companies and their lobby groups from any funding or involvement in the development of the evidence base.

### Consultation paper

* address items excluded from this Strategy eg. zero alcohol, liquor licencing and online sales and delivery.
* specify 2 Two-Year Implementation Action Plans covering each of the Action Areas, with the first to be launched at the end of the first year of this Strategy.

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