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## **NAAPA WELCOMES COMMENCEMENT OF LIQUOR ACT REVIEW**

**5 July 2013:** The NSW and ACT Alcohol Policy Alliance (NAAPA) today welcomes the announcement of the NSW Statutory Review of the Liquor Act 2007.

NAAPA has been urging the Government to release the Terms of Reference for the Review and is pleased to see the Government has now commenced the consultation process.

Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) Chief Executive, Michael Thorn, say it is vital that this consultation provides the community with a genuine opportunity to have a say on the way that liquor is regulated in NSW.

“This is an issue of grave community concern and I trust that the Government is genuinely committed to not simply listening, but ultimately acting to strengthen the Liquor Act with the clear intent of addressing the State’s heavy alcohol toll,” Mr Thorn said.

Mr Thorn says he is also pleased that the review will include consideration of trading hour controls, the promotion of liquor products and community consultation, and says NAAPA looks forward to being consulted as part of the review process.

“As the State’s largest coalition of health, community and frontline organisations working actively to reduce alcohol harms, NAAPA looks forward to working with Review Chair Michael Foggo to ensure the process results in a more effective Liquor Act that better protects the people of NSW,” Mr Thorn said.

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The NSW and ACT Alcohol Policy Coalition (NAAPA) is an alliance of health and community organisations active across NSW and the ACT that has been formed with the objective of promoting action to reduce alcohol-related harms. The Coalition of NSW and ACT organisations has been formed to lobby and campaign for alcohol policy reform to reduce alcohol-related harms across the two jurisdictions. [www.naapa.org.au](http://www.naapa.org.au)

