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Dear Ms Weir

Re: Collection of wholesale alcohol sales data

On behalf of the Australian Medical Association in South Australia (AMA(SA)), thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed collection of alcohol sales data in South Australia.

We understand that while the national collection of alcohol sales data continues, the collection of data on the sale of alcohol by quantity and location has not occurred in South Australia since 1996. AMA(SA) is concerned that the absence of such localised data creates a void in knowledge and understanding of sales in specific regions that may have implications for how doctors, policy makers and other health professionals look for, identify and manage alcohol-related medical and social harm in those locations.

As such, we support the re-introduction of this data collection, with the aim of measuring the levels and types of alcohol being consumed in the state, with the proviso that any data remains confidential, and is used only for nominated health, welfare and licensing purposes. We look forward to South Australia joining those states that have recommenced this data collection in recent years.

Please contact me if other input is sought from AMA(SA), or if we can help in other ways, by contacting AMA(SA) Executive Assistant Mrs Claudia Baccanello on 8361 0109 or at claudia@amasa.org.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Atchison'.

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President, AMA(SA)