# 2013-14 Pre-budget submission

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## Recommendations

**Budget savings:**

1. Replace the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) with a volumetric tax rate at $29.05 per litre of pure alcohol  
   Projected savings: $849 million over one year
2. Abolish the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) Rebate  
   Projected savings: over $200 million over one year

**Budget expenditure:**

1. Publish, implement and evaluate the Australian Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) diagnostic instrument and implement training for health professionals on its use  
   Projected cost: $2.1 million over three years
2. Establish Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) diagnostic services  
   Projected cost: $7.3 million over three years
3. Develop Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) models of care  
   Projected cost: $517,000 over three years
4. Fund an Australian burden of disease study  
   Projected cost: $3 million over three years

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