# 2014-15 Pre-budget submission

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## Recommendations

**Budget savings:**

1. Replace the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) with a volumetric tax $3.4 billion over four years
2. Abolish the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) Rebate $1.12 billion over four years

Projected savings: $4.52 billion over four years

**Budget expenditure:**

1. Restore funding to the Alcohol and other Drugs Council (ADCA) $6 million over four years
2. Implement a comprehensive National Action Plan for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) $37 million over four years
3. Continue to fund the Community Sponsorship Fund $25 million over four years
4. Introduce a structured screening and brief intervention program for alcohol $4.5 million over four years
5. Develop and implement a national social marketing campaign to raise awareness about alcohol-related harms $13 million over four years

Projected costs: $85.5 million over four years

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