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Dear Dr Earl

Thank you for your letter of 7 February 2025 – Election Commitment to Review Alcohol Laws to Reduce Gender-Based Violence. My Western Australian Labor Government has been proactively undertaking a whole-of-Government approach to addressing the cause and impacts of family and domestic violence.

When elected in 2017, WA Labor created a Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence. This was the first Government in Western Australia to establish a portfolio specific to family and domestic violence. Since that time WA Labor has invested more than \$500 million to combat family and domestic violence, which includes additional resources at refuge services, victim support and therapeutic programs.

In 2023 the WA Labor Government passed the Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Bill 2023, which allows police to register individuals for alcohol-related offences, including alcohol-related violence and drink driving, not just in or near licensed premises. Health professionals and social workers can also refer individuals for inclusion on the register. This followed Banned Drinkers Register trials in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Goldfields region and Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction; a range of liquor restrictions in towns across the state imposed under section 64 of the Liquor Control Act 1988; and use of the Take-Away Alcohol Management System (TAMS) in certain towns to manage the daily total volume of liquor that can be purchased across all licensed premises.

Thirty remote Aboriginal communities have been declared 'dry' under section 175 of the Liquor Control Act 1988 in direct response to requests from these communities and with the support of the community and other key stakeholders. We have also introduced carriage limit regulations which aim to prevent sly grogging.

Our Government introduced Protected Entertainment Precincts (PEPs) in Perth, Northbridge, Fremantle, Scarborough, Hillarys and Mandurah to support community safety and enable the banning of violent offenders from entering the declared precincts for up to five years. We also introduced regulations to strengthen requirements around the home delivery of liquor to help minimise alcohol-related harm.



Following the National Cabinet meeting on 6 September 2024, my Government is exploring how the Liquor Control Act 1988 may be utilised to strengthen system responses to alcohol-related gender-based violence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', written over a large, stylized blue circular flourish.

**Hon Roger Cook MLA**  
**Premier; Leader of WA Labor**

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