Meeting Communique 13-14 November 2024

The Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (ANACAD) is pleased to publish this communique following the most recent ANACAD meeting, held on Kaurna land in Adelaide on 13-14 November 2024.

As the last meeting for this term of the Council, the discussions focused on progress against the ANACAD work plan and matters to be taken forward by the next iteration of the Council. Matters discussed included:

- recently released primary care review reports and opportunities to address issues related to alcohol and other drugs (AOD)
- critical issues impacting the AOD workforce
- alcohol labelling
- proposed revisions to the Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice, and impacts on alcohol advertising
- findings from the initial scoping work on the National Drug Strategy (NDS)
- recommendations for the 2025-27 term of ANACAD
- final advice to be provided to Government.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Aged Care, alongside Ernst & Young, were invited to present to ANACAD in a session dedicated to preliminary considerations of the future NDS.

The ANACAD Chair will provide confidential advice to Minister Butler following this meeting.

The next meeting of ANACAD will be scheduled in 2025.

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