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FW: Statement for National Alcohol Strategy Round Table meeting tomorrow [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

From: Terry Slevin [mailto:tslevin@phaa.net.au] Sent: Monday, 23 July 2018 3:47 PM To: Greg.Hunt.MP Commentational s22 Subject: Statement for National Alcohol Strategy Round Table meeting tomorrow [SEC=No Protective Marking]

Dear Minister,

After discussions with colleagues in the public health sphere in the lead up to the Alcohol Strategy Round Table tomorrow at Parliament House, it was decided that a brief statement be prepared and read at an appropriate time early in the discussion at the meeting.

The statement particularly articulates our concern at the prospect of representatives of the alcohol industry influencing public health policy which seeks to reduce alcohol related harm in Australia.

As a courtesy in advance of the meeting, I seek to draw your attention to the statement, which is attached. Supporters of this statement are listed at the end of the document.

It is not our intention to draw public or media attention to this statement, nor to print and distribute this statement. Nor is it our intention to create any embarrassment to you or anyone else in relation to this issue. Rather it will be read to those in attendance, so as to make our views on that important matter clear, early in proceedings.

You will note that we seek to contribute constructively to the development of a National Alcohol Strategy in Australia and we will aim to do so tomorrow.

Again, thank you for the invitation to contribute to the National Alcohol Strategy.

Should you wish to discuss this or any other matter at any time, I can be reached on s22

Cheers

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I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which I live and work and pay my respects to their elders past and present.

