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Hello,

Just one brief comment about the draft Australian Alcohol Guidelines, in reference to pregnancy and alcohol:

When I visited the USA last year, I found it interesting to note that wine bottles carried a message about the use of alcohol during pregnancy, along with a general health warning about alcohol and driving/ operating machinery and health problems. I haven't checked whether the message was also evident on spirits, mixed drinks, etc.

The wording in reference to pregnancy was "Women should not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy due to the risk of birth defects."

I would like to suggest that, through the NHMRC or whatever the appropriate channel is, the Australian Government should display such a message on bottles containing alcoholic drinks here also.

Regards,

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