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NADA, CEO Larry Pierce congratulates ADCA on its call for immediate action on the release of the Federal Government's *Preventative Health Taskforce Report*.

As a member of the ADCA Federal Council, NADA (the Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies) reinforces the call for immediate action and a long term response following the release of the final report by the Preventative Health Taskforce. NADA is the peak body for non government drug and alcohol services in New South Wales.

Both the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) and The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) have congratulated the taskforce on providing a solid set of recommendations and future direction for, a strong response to the costly social effects of obesity, tobacco and alcohol. With health services across Australia, both government and non government, being stretched to deliver support to those suffering the effects of these health problems, a call to focus spending initiatives on preventative health, will see a long term reduction in the overall cost burden on society.

Larry Pierce, CEO of NADA stated that as the CEO of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) Michael Moore said "Prevention still attracts only 2% of all health funding" and we argue further that, " the commitment to health prevention needs to be backed up with appropriate levels of funding and in particular increased funding to the non government sector which provides exemplary services, in both treatment and prevention, to the community".

NADA and its member agencies welcomes the opportunity to work with government, both state and federal, to implement long term preventative health initiatives, based on the recommendations of the taskforce, to fight the growing concerns surrounding obesity, tobacco and alcohol misuse.

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