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NADA applauds the Government's establishment of a National Preventative Health Agency.

Larry Pierce, CEO of the Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies(NADA) has welcomed the introduction into Federal Parliament, by Health Minister Nicola Roxon , of a Bill to establish a national Preventative Health Agency.

Mr Pierce added that “ making funds available for worthwhile evidence based, preventative health programs will contribute to lessening the burden of Australia's already overstretched health system”. NADA represents over ninety drug and alcohol agencies in NSW, ranging from health promotion, early intervention, treatment and after care programs.

Kerri Lawrence, President of NADA and the Chair of the NADA Health Promotion subcommittee says “It is extremely important that this agency is established to provide sustainable funding to organisations that are focused on health promotion and preventative health strategies, especially those within the non government drug and alcohol sector”.

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