

Call for Action on Alcohol

**A call for action to the incoming 2014 Government
to progress effective alcohol law reform
towards halving the harm from alcohol**

We, the representatives and heads of organisations, societies, colleges, faculties, and associations, and leaders of communities throughout New Zealand, are concerned about the degree of damage that alcohol use is continuing to cause New Zealand society.

We call on the incoming 2014 Government, to enact legislation necessary for the following four priority actions to decrease the demand for alcohol, a central part of the ‘5+ Solution’:

- *Phase out alcohol advertising*
- *Phase out alcohol sponsorship*
- *Institute a minimum unit price for alcohol*
- *Increase the tax on alcohol*

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If you would also like to sign this Call for Action on Alcohol, and you are a community leader, including heads and representatives of professional or community organisations, societies, associations or other groups, send an email to Lindsay Atkins: coordinator@alcoholaction.co.nz with a formal description of your designation.