

WCTU E-Issues 2013

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Hello E-Issues supporters,

I just signed the petition "CRICKET AUSTRALIA: Stop advertising alcohol and fast food at events" on Change.org.

It's important. Will you sign it too? Here's the link:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/cricket-australia-stop-advertising-alcohol-and-fast-food-at-events>

Thanks!

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The news about drugs in Australian sport which broke last week shocked us all. Media reports emphasized that there is a link between performance-enhancing drug use and gambling on sport.

I am sure we have all been disturbed by the constant advertising of betting on TV as well as betting odds being on the big screen at events like the cricket. It is viewed by children as well as adults and creates the idea that gambling on sport is a normal aspect of the game. No wonder that there has been an explosion in sports gambling with the inevitable corruption that follows.

It is time to join the chorus of those who are demanding the banning of gambling advertising.

Please email the Federal Sports Minister, The Hon. Kate Lundy, expressing your concerns and asking the Government to ban the advertising of gambling on sport.

Her email address is: Email senator.lundy@aph.gov.au

Please forward this through your networks so that we get many who respond and act.

Thanks for your support.

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The coming Season is recognised family time and could be an appropriate time to approach your Federal MP and wish him/her a Happy Christmas

Also to draw attention to the fact that the former Government's Action Plan for FASD is currently being scrutinized by the current Government "to ensure it addresses the many complex issues involved" (a response to my enquiry at PHD.FRONTDESK@health.gov.au. Urge an acceptance of alcohol labelling, education as to the effects of drinking when pregnant and diagnosis and treatment for babies affected.

Also Email the Minister for Health Peter Dutton - <peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au> with a similar message.

We can make a difference acting together.

May you and yours have a Happy and Holy Christmas Season.

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