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To whom it may concern

**Submission from the New Zealand Dietetic Association
Application A576**

**LABELLING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITH A PREGNANCY
HEALTH ADVISORY LABEL**

The New Zealand Dietetic Association (NZDA) is the professional association of registered dietitians and associated nutritional professionals. With a membership of approximately 550, we represent the largest group of fully trained food and nutrition professionals in New Zealand. This submission is drafted to reflect the comments and opinions of the membership. We trust the comments made in our submission will be given due consideration.

The New Zealand Dietetic Association (NZDA) supports Option 2 of Application A576 to amend the Code to require a health advisory label on alcoholic beverage containers advising of the risk of consuming alcohol when planning to become pregnant and during pregnancy. There is sufficient evidence to support this initiative as a means of protecting a vulnerable group in the New Zealand. This is consistent

with the Ministry of Health Food and Nutrition Guidelines for Healthy Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women 2006.

The New Zealand Dietetic Association (NZDA) would like to thank FSANZ for the work that has been put into the development of this assessment report. NZDA appreciates the opportunity to make comment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Milne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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