COMMITTEE REPORT CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT, 
SO WILL MINISTER SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS?

“A parliamentary committee report on substance abuse highlights the lack of co-ordination by government and non-government agencies and raises the issue of successful programs grappling to get funding to continue", says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"Rhetoric from government needs to be matched with action".

"But I am doubtful this will happen, given the Minister for Alcohol Policy's ministerial statement".

"Is this the government's way of detracting from this strong report?"

"Is the report too honest for the government to support?"

Mrs Braham explained that a high court decision meant the former 'Living with Alcohol' program could no longer be funded with a direct levy on alcohol products.

"The report recommends the government identifies specific revenue to be dedicated to harm reduction and preventative measures".

"Too much emphasis is on trying to fix the problem after it has happened".

"Government's response to the report should concentrate on preventative measures including alternative activities rather than abusing substances".