

Devastating news for the Australian community as national alcohol and other drug peak de-funded

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The Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) is deeply concerned at Federal Assistant Minister for Health Senator Fiona Nash's decision to axe funding to the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA).

As the national peak body for the alcohol and other drug sector, ADCA has played a crucial role in coordinating Australia's response to alcohol and other drug issues for nearly fifty years.

Alcohol and other drug issues have a profound impact on our communities, often a factor in domestic and family violence, homelessness, injury and accidents.

"The decision to axe ADCA's funding is short-sighted and will cost Australia in the long-run," said WANADA CEO and ADCA Board Member Jill Rundle. "This is devastating news. ADCA's work benefits alcohol and other drug services throughout the nation and therefore benefits individuals, families and communities."

"We will be losing a crucial part of our national work on alcohol and other drugs and a respected source of information."

WANADA will write to the Australian Government to voice its concerns and to recommend that the decision be reversed.

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