



ALCOHOL

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE Resolution 79.61

- 79.61 The Standing Committee, recognising that the Church shares with all Australians the serious responsibility to create a society where fewer people live in conditions of tension, boredom, alienation and loneliness, and in which distorted values may not prevail:
- i. declares that the escalating use of alcoholic beverages constitutes a major social problem with grave consequences for the Australian nation;
 - ii. urges that Governments in Australia develop and announce policies on alcohol which
 - a. declare chronic alcoholism to be a notifiable disease;
 - b. limit the advertising of beverage alcohol on radio and television, in news media or by public exhibition of the trade names of such beverages;
 - c. formulate policies to counteract drink driving by stiffer penalties including automatic forfeiture of licenses for periods appropriate to the seriousness of the offence;
 - d. will encourage the lowering of the alcoholic content in beer.
 - iii. requests the Commission on Social Responsibility to:
 - a. monitor and assess the effectiveness of present restraints on the use of beverage alcohol;
 - b. explore new ways of moderating the insidious effects of alcohol abuse;
 - c. continue to provide resource materials on the subject for use by individuals and councils of the Church.