



# Media Release

## Senator Mathias Cormann

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#### **RUDD GOVERNMENT PUTTING PRIDE AHEAD OF OUTCOMES**

The Rudd Labor Government is putting pride ahead of outcomes by ignoring calls to validate the \$300 million in revenue collected through the failed Alcopops tax over the past year, according to Shadow Parliamentary Secretary Mathias Cormann.

“Kevin Rudd and Nicola Roxon should stop playing politics on this issue and work with the Senate on securing outcomes to tackle binge drinking,” Senator Cormann said.

“They should come on board with the Coalition and the Senate and introduce legislation that validates the revenue collected so far,” he said.

“This issue is yet another example of the Rudd Labor Government’s panicked and rushed approach to policy making.

“The Coalition is committed to investing the \$300 million in genuine measures against binge drinking.

“Given that Rudd Labor is prepared to hand it back to the liquor industry, it would seem the government has no other purpose for it anyway.

“There is not one single party in the Senate, other than the Labor Party it seems, which supports the revenue being collected over the past year to be validated,” Senator Cormann said.

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