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LANDMARK NT LIQUOR REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS WILL SAVE LIVES

19 October 2017: The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) welcomes the comprehensive recommendations of the Northern Territory *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review*.

FARE Chief Executive Michael Thorn says the exhaustive review and its recommendations set a new bench mark for effective alcohol harm reduction measures.

“The Gunner Government, through this review, had the opportunity to confront the deadly impact alcohol has on all Territorians. In accepting all but one of the comprehensive recommendations, the Government has well and truly risen to that challenge and placed the health and welfare of all Territorians first and foremost,” Mr Thorn said.

Mr Thorn says the *Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review* has correctly and rightfully identified and acknowledged the enormous costs of alcohol misuse in the Territory.

“I am extremely heartened, not simply by the recognition and acknowledgement of the magnitude of the problem in the Northern Territory and the urgent need to address it, but also by the Review’s determination to embrace the proven, evidence-based policy measures that can and will save lives,” Mr Thorn said.

“I congratulate Trevor Riley and his colleagues for a report that will transform the lives of most Territorians.”

Mr Thorn is available for interview.

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The **Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE)** is an independent, not-for-profit organisation working to stop the harm caused by alcohol. Alcohol harm in Australia is significant. Over 5,500 lives are lost every year and more than 157,000 people are hospitalised making alcohol one of our nation’s greatest preventive health challenges.

For over a decade, FARE has been working with communities, governments, health professionals and police across the country to stop alcohol harms by supporting world-leading research, raising public awareness and advocating for changes to alcohol policy. In that time FARE has helped more than 750 communities and organisations, and backed over 1,400 projects around Australia.