Alcohol as an issue for public health

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Taking into account the history of changes in drinking volumes and alcohol policies, public health responses to alcohol problems in Australia and internationally are discussed. Compared to alcohol's large contribution to health and social problems, the response has been low-key and only marginally effective. Meanwhile, the increasingly global and concentrated alcohol industry maintains its power at every level of government. Options and means for a more effective public health approach to alcohol, both internationally and more locally, are discussed.

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