

Public Forum Question and Response

Subject: Need for awareness campaign to stop Drink Spiking to facilitate sexual assaults

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Is Council aware that following the release of the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) report, the State Government created a multi-agency Drink Spiking Action Group and that in 2005, the national Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) requested that the Model Criminal Law Officers' Committee (MCLOC, formerly MCCOC) review the criminal laws on drink spiking and bring forward options for a standardised national approach to drink spiking?

Following on from my request of 24 August 2004 for Council to run an awareness campaign about the issue of drink spiking, particularly by way of provision of information in Council Libraries, Youth and Community Centres and sporting facilities, will Council be running this awareness campaign over the ensuing summer months when it has been shown this heinous crime most occurs?

Response:

The Director Customer and Community Services advised that drink spiking is a crime, it happens in several ways and is harmful. SHOROC ran a program in 2005 as part of the Safe Communities Project on this issue. Strategies such as drink coasters with a message being distributed will be considered in the near future.