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Dear Dr Casey

Regulation of alcohol sachets under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 June 2015, on behalf of the Eden Park Community Liason Group, about the alcohol sachets known as 'Cheeky' and 'Sneaky', and other matters.

As you are aware, a regulation-making power under section 400 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the Act) allows the Minister of Justice to recommend that certain products be declared a restricted alcohol product or a banned alcohol product.

Officials have advised me that the sachets cannot be banned at this time. They have noted that while the smuggling of alcohol into events is a concern, it appears to be outside the scope of the power in s 400 to ban these sachets. They have also noted that action is arguably unnecessary given the products do not appear to continue being manufactured or widely available.

I will continue to monitor the sales of the sachets, and reconsider the need for action if necessary.

Powdered alcohol is a separate issue as it is not currently available in New Zealand. These products can be considered separately if the need arises.

I also note that there is no power under the Act to restrict or ban alcohol concealment products, and no other obvious regulatory power that could be relied on to effectively ban concealment products.

Thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister of Justice