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To the Parishes, Missions, Communities and Monasteries of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese

It is important for all rectors and parish councils to acquaint themselves with laws pertaining to alcohol consumption in relation to young people under the age of 18.

There are two types of laws governing underage drinking:

- Australian liquor laws: the legal drinking age in Australia is 18 years. States and territories prohibit people under this age to purchase alcohol or consume alcohol in licensed premises or in public places.
- Secondary supply laws: the laws regarding the supply of alcohol to minors differ between states and territories. It is important for parish councils to familiarise themselves with their legal obligations by consulting their state and territory legislative authority:

State	Link to secondary supply laws
ACT	http://www.justice.act.gov.au/page/view/4032/title/supply-of-alcohol-to-minors
NSW	http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/crime/drugs_and_alcohol/alcohol/alcohol_page_s/alcohol_and_young_people
QLD	http://education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe/parents/alcohol-supply.html
TAS	http://www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/pamphlets-publications/youth-and-alcohol/
VIC	www.vcglr.vic.gov.au/community-services/minors-gambling-and-liquor
WA	http://www.rgl.wa.gov.au/liquor/liquor-legislation-amendment-act/faq-s
SA	Does not currently have secondary supply laws



We ask that parish councils are diligent in not violating the law in the use of alcohol for young people under the age of 18.



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