



# Calls for health warnings on alcohol

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New research which has found a link between drinking and cancer has prompted calls for health warnings on alcohol.

The research published in the Medical Journal of Australia by the Cancer Council shows chronic drinking is a major factor causing cancer.

The Director of Health Policy at Curtin University Mike Daube says it does not mean people should stop drinking but they should be aware of the risk.

"This tells us that more than five per cent of cancers in Australia are caused by alcohol," he said.

"It really is absurd that we don't have health warnings on alcohol products so that people are alerted to the long term dangers of alcohol."

Research to be published in the Medical Journal of Australia shows chronic drinking is a major factor causing cancer.

Professor Daube says people should drink sensibly.

"Be aware of the risks and more and more be aware that young people should not be drinking," he said.

"With tobacco we've had health warnings since 1973, it's about time we had proper health information for alcohol products as well."