

Media statement

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Operating on drink-driving

If your vet drank beer before he was about to work on your pet, you'd be horrified.

That's what happens in the screen commercial in the latest Road Safety Advisory Council campaign.

Road Safety Advisory Council Chair Garry Bailey said the anti-drink-driving campaign's message was drinking and driving were better part.

"Performing your work as a vet is complex task and requires a high level of concentration. Driving is too. We should give the same respect we do to driving as we do to other complex tasks.

"We'd be shocked if our vet drank while he she or he worked because we know alcohol reduces concentration and reaction time, and can cause blurred vision and inattention. You're a crash waiting to happen if you drive after drinking.

"Alcohol is a factor in 17% of serious casualty crashes – fatalities and serious injuries.

"Driving after drinking is socially unacceptable. It's just as unacceptable as drinking on the job.

"If you've had a meal and a few glasses of wine, you could still be over the limit and if you drive, you're endangering the lives of others. Drinking and driving are better apart, so even if you've had only a few drinks, don't drive."

The Road Safety Advisory Council has licensed the campaign from Victoria's Traffic Accident Commission.
