

# MP wants alcohol ads banned

When MPs discussed the Report on Alcohol Abuse in Namibia late last week, Republican Party MP, Clara Gowases, called for a ban on the advertising of alcoholic beverages, reports Mathias Haufiku on New Era.



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"We forget that what appears in the various indexes are not individual names, but a collective name. For instance, the Namibian Consumer Price Index released last year just said Namibians drink more. It is a shame that we even drink more than countries like Nigeria which has a population of over 178 million people and South Africa which has more than 52 million people," said Gowases.

View the World Health Organisation's [infographic on alcohol consumption in Namibia](#).

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