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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a resident of Bondi Junction who was introduced to the issue of alcohol related anti-social behaviour and violence as a result of the plethora of licensed venues and bottle shops in Bondi Junction. The area remains a BOCSAR alcohol hotspot and one of the venues is on the 2nd tier of the current NSW Most Violent Venues. The area continues to suffer from the impact of alcohol, particularly over the summer months. It is a result of alcohol saturation in the area, that I became involved in trying to mitigate the impacts on the community. Even with the assistance of the Local Area Command this has been a difficult task as the Liquor Licensing Laws are so complex and the onus, I believe, wrongly rests on the individual or the community to prove failed RSA and failed compliance.

It is important to understand that communities and residences even with a 500metre radius of licensed premises can be impacted by adverse alcohol related harm; this can come in the form of drinking in public places, like local parks, pre-loading before entering premises, noise and violence upon entering and leaving venues, noise (abusive language) late at night which directly impacts families and their ability to sleep, vomiting etc in public places . My family have experienced all of the above and I am not in the centre of Bondi Junction. As a result I have made submissions over the years to oppose new high risk licenses, like bottle shops, in an effort to contain the future impacts of alcohol-related harms in the community.

There is more than enough evidence to prove that the proliferation of liquor licenses and extended late night trading results in increased levels of anti-social behaviour and violence, and as such when the community is asked to give input into the impact of a new license, the community should not be expected to prove that the addition of a new license, particularly in already densely licensed areas, will create negative externalities, in terms of the cost to the community of well being, mental health and safety. Moreover it is unreasonable and illogical to request the community provide an expected outcome for the additional liquor license when the license does not exist.

It is imperative that the community is given a role in new liquor license applications and in areas of high residential populations, adequate provision should be made to ensure that the community is informed and has a chance to make informed and evidence based submissions, based on their experiences, that are taken into account and given due weight as an important stakeholder, when considering and assessing a new liquor license.

Regards

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