

**REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF THE 10PM TAKEAWAY SALES RESTRICTION ON REGIONAL N.S.W.**

We have owned and operated our Hotel in regional NSW for over 18 years now, providing a service to both the community and passing travelers, and we are greatly concerned that the 10PM sales restriction is having a devastating effect on our business.

Our hotel is situated on the Queensland New South Wales border, a short distance from the Queensland side.

The 10PM restrictions are not functioning to any great effect in our town, as would be patrons merely take the short hop over the border where Hotels are permitted to, and indeed do, sell takeaway alcohol up till midnight. Two hours after we cease sales

As you are aware Queensland does not adopt Daylight Saving Times in the October to April period. Thus our 10pm restriction becomes 9pm Queensland time and alcohol is freely available for another 3 hours after we are forced to cease sales.

Since the introduction of the 10pm takeaway sales restriction our takeaway sales have dropped by 17% in the winter months and 25% during Daylight Savings periods .These restrictions have redirected our sales to Queensland and reduced our hotel operations from financially rewarding to a very marginal situation, While we are sure that this was not the intention of the legislation it is in fact the direct result of the legislation.

The imposition of the 10pm takeaway sales restriction measure was designed to reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in the community. At our Hotel we have voluntary and strictly controlled ingress and egress of patrons and service to these patrons between 8:30pm and closing for the past decade or so. and we have not had an incident involving violence within our Hotel for over 16 years now..

We request that the New South Wales Government, OLGA and the AHA address our particular situation and that of other similarly affected hotels when reviewing the legislation. Preferably in before daylight savings recommences and with revised hours for the sale of takeaway alcohol.

Yours faithfully,

Anonymous

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