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to me

Dear Sirs / Madams,

I have resided in the Kings Cross district for over 40 years. My first hand experience of the previous liberal trading hours and licensing of bars here resulted in the highest level of violence, drunken public behaviour, after hours assaults and social disruption I have ever seen (which is quite a lot).

It is a fact that once a license is granted the commercial imperative is to sell as much liquor as possible as there are very good profits to be made. This verified by the high licensing fees.

There appears to be no assessment (or business case) of the cost of public infrastructure for the extended licenses in the Sydney region. The major cost for policing, medical services, public transport and legal services, in themselves outstrip any other social benefit that could be imagined.

The trade off is, put simply, to have a beer at home with your friends.

I appeal to your inquiry to look at a business case for your review and get a realistic assessment from the public authorities that provide the above services.

Regards,

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