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re review of the Newcastle conditons

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To: newcastle.review@ilga.nsw.gov.au

Dear Horton,

I am a long-term resident and owner occupier in Newcastle East, with two liquor outlets within 50 metres of my home.

This beachside suburb was for a long time an area subject to alcohol-related recklessness and criminal activity, often by motorists. It was common for young people from Newcastle and the Hunter Region to get drunk in local nightclubs and head for the beachside suburbs to do burnouts and carry out acts of vandalism.

The beach carparks had to be locked at night, and this suburb was not popular with families because of its reputation for late night noise and general lack of safety. Many calls to the local police station were logged by local residents in an attempt to encourage the police and highway patrols to establish some control.

In recent years there has been some improvement, and many families have moved into the area. Small businesses, particular cafes, have proliferated, and there has been an increased sense of safety to the point where local residents feel able to walk the streets at night. For the first time, I have felt able to let my teenage daughters walk home by themselves. The contrast with the late nineties could not be more extreme.

At least part of this increase in safety and reduction in late night drunken criminality can be ascribed to the Newcastle Conditions, a restriction on late night access to alcohol. It beggars belief that pressure is being applied (presumably by those with a financial interest, such as the alcohol industry) to roll back these restrictions.

As a doctor, local resident and mother I urge the ILGA to resist this cynical move, and to retain the Newcastle Conditions in their present form.

Yours sincerely,

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