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Review of licencing conditions for Newcastle and Hamilton

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Dear Mr Horton,

I am a resident of Hamilton and live one block from the Kent Hotel. My partner and I have lived here for over 35 years and consequently have experienced conditions before and since the special licence provisions were imposed in 2008.

Living In Hamilton, there is always a certain amount of noise associated with hotels in the area, however it was the violence and anti- social behaviour that was troubling. Since the introduction of the special licence provisions there has been a decrease in damage to property, public violence and noise levels.

However at times, still, at 3.00am there is a spike in antisocial behaviour with fighting and glass bottles/glasses being smashed.

The Police and Ambulance Services have not been in attendance as often since the introduction of the lockdown provisions and this can be statistically verified by lower Emergency Dept admissions and police involvement due to alcohol related disorderly behaviour

Although my personal experience relates to living in Hamilton, I also have concerns, when I have visitors from other states or overseas, that they are safe walking in Newcastle CBD at night. Therefore maintaining the present lockout provisions makes Newcastle a safer place to visit.

I have heard that the Hotel operators feel that the conditions restrict the live music scene. There are many hotels in the vicinity that have live music all weekend and during the week and are not affected by the lockout conditions.

The one hotel that is not listed, is the Sydney Junction Hotel, which has a popular night club, but apparently is the most violent hotel in NSW. I

would suggest that all hotels in the Newcastle area be reviewed as to their adherence to the licensing laws and the provision of security for patrons and residents living nearby.

Yours Sincerely,

Gail Curby