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## Review of liquor license conditions for 14 Newcastle CBD venues

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Dear Mr Crawford

Below is my submission to the above review.

I strongly support the retention of the current package of license conditions commonly referred to as the s104 Newcastle Conditions. I believe that any review of the same conditions should be conducted by ILGA in an open and transparent manner under the same legal provisions (conference) by which they originated.

I also support Police Superintendent John Gralton's strong public appeal for the preservation of the integrity of the package of conditions and agree to his proposal to strengthen the 'last drinks' provisions(1) given the available scientific evidence.

As a resident of Newcastle East living 50 metres from the Grain store. I am aware of the horrific alcohol related violent incidents that occurred in the Newcastle town area prior to the modest reduction in alcohol trading hours across these venues in March 2008. Before the introduction of the S104 Newcastle provisions I did not feel safe walking down the Hunter street at night and was often harassed by drunk people. Since the introduction of S104 incidents of unruly behaviour have reduced but are still our non-domestic assaults in our CBD whilst falling is still around 9 times the NSW average rate. If the current s104 Newcastle Conditions are relaxed this will lead to more of these situations occurring placing unnecessary strain on our emergency services. The residents of Newcastle have a right to walk safely around their neighbourhood without having to feel threatened by antisocial behaviour in our streets which is mostly alcohol fuelled resulting in the loss of resident's rights to the quiet enjoyment of their community.

I am very concerned that the reported rate of non-domestic assaults in our CBD whilst still falling is still around 9 times the NSW average rate. The level of reported domestic violence in Newcastle is almost twice the NSW average rate. This also is unacceptable and many of these incidents are alcohol related.

Comparing this to a speed restriction placed on a road with high accident rates if the accident rates are reduced they do not then increase the speed limit again, No the speed limit remains because it is shown to have the correct effect. The S104 restrictions have been proven to assist in reducing alcohol fueled anti social behaviour and this supported by scientific evidence showing a strong association between last drink times, liquor outlet density and alcohol related problems I strongly oppose any increase in availability of alcohol (trading hours) and drink strength for all licensed premises including those with standard trading hours.

An increase in alcohol availability is highly likely to result in an increase alcohol related violence, related crimes including malicious damage, sexual assaults, disorderly conduct and a reduction in local amenity/quiet and good order of our neighbourhood. As a local resident I am therefore opposed to any dilution of our package of Newcastle conditions that have displayed proven success in reducing alcohol related anti-social behaviours.

Yours sincerely,  
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