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Review of liquor license conditions for the 14 Newcastle CBD venues and other matters

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Chairperson
Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority
Liquor and Gaming NSW

Dear Mr Crawford

Please find my submission to the above review.

Having heard on the news this morning that the Newcastle Council has refused to hold a public forum on the existing liquor licensing laws for Newcastle, we would like to let you know that we fully support the existing conditions and would even like to see them tightened a little more.

We believe that any review of the existing conditions should be conducted by the ILGA in an open and transparent manner.

We also support Superintendent John Gralton's appeal for the preservation of the package and agree with his proposal to strengthen the 'last drinks' proposal.

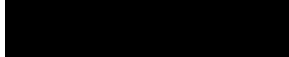
We have lived in Newcastle East for nearly eighteen years and are aware of the alcohol related violence that occurred prior to the reduction in alcohol trading hours in the Newcastle CBD. Our nephew was assaulted in Civic Park by a group of drunken males and we are aware that we experience fewer drunken people are walking up Scott Street in the early hours of the morning having loud, and often abusive, conversations.

We are very concerned that the reported rate of non-domestic assaults in our CBD is still around nine times the NSW average. This leads us to strongly oppose any increase in the availability of alcohol through

increased trading hours as this would surely result in increased alcohol related violence, malicious damage, disorderly conduct and a reduction in the quiet and good order of our neighbourhood.

As local residents, we are therefore opposed to any dilution of our package of the Newcastle conditions that have shown proven success in reducing alcohol related anti-social behaviours and urge you to encourage the Newcastle Council to have a public forum which should include police, doctors, nurses and paramedics who see the human cost of such alcohol related behaviour.

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Sent from my iPad