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## Changes to Liquor Laws - Newcastle

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Dear Mr Crawford,

We wish to make a submission in opposition to the changes to license conditions s104 Newcastle Conditions for the 14 Newcastle CBD venues.

Firstly, we would like to say we feel strongly that the submission made by Newcastle City Council does not reflect the opinion of residents of Newcastle and that close to 100% of the residents approve of the current conditions.

Council has stated that "A vibrant and safe night time economy will also be a key contributor to the city's revitalisation." The city already enjoys a vibrant and reasonably safe night time economy, and if the conditions are changed we feel that it would not increase vibrancy but would increase violent and anti-social behaviour.

We live quite close to the licensed premises "The Crown & Anchor" hotel, and when some years ago new owners took over, noise and unruly behaviour of patrons became unbearable. On several occasions we had representatives from OLGA in our unit in the early hours of the morning to observe this noise and behavior, because of our complaints.

We had defecation , urination and vomit in our foyer door way when this venue was catering to the younger generation.

The police and OLGA place certain restrictions on this hotel and they cleaned up their act.

We are happy to report that The Crown & Anchor are now considerate of local residents and are now good neighbors because they abide by the current laws.

We are also concerned that the Government the closing down the OLGA office in Newcastle has weakened the ability of OLGA to investigate serious matters.

Thousands of people are moving to the city and in part because of the amenity it provides and safe night time atmosphere.

Antisocial behavior (including violent assaults) and damage to property can be directly attributed to alcohol consumption. We must consider the safety of police, ambulance, residents and patrons and if any changes are to be made they should impose harsher conditions.

We're afraid that you have been asked to relax these conditions because of the strong arm tactics of the alcohol industry who are trying to tell us that we need these changes for the betterment of the city, when the only ones who will benefit will be the hotel owners, at the expense of residents, Council, emergency workers and patrons.

We have a Solution here in Newcastle which is the benchmark for responsible laws. ***If it ain't broke don't fix it.***

***Yours truly***

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