

Submission to the review of alcohol

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The current laws were passed in response to an upsurge in violent assaults, fuelled by excess consumption of alcohol.

The new laws were not a knee-jerk reaction to public outcry; rather they were based on significant reductions in anti-social and violent behaviour in Newcastle.

The broader community is entitled to feel safe on our streets, not at risk of violence from drunken louts undertaking unprovoked attacks.

I am aware of significant lobbying by the alcohol industry claiming business closures and Sydney is no longer an international city.

Analysis of business closures clearly shows that in no case were the current lockout laws were either the sole factor in the business closure or even the most significant factor.

I strongly urge the NSW government to reject industry lobbying and ensure community safety by continued enforcement of the current lockout laws.

Regards,

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Community supporter