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Feedback on the Liquor Amendment Act 2014

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Dear Members of the liquor law review board,

I would like to contribute my feedback on the topic of the Liquor Amendment Act 2014

I am a middle aged father of two. I do not go clubbing and am in bed at 10pm most nights. I have myself been physically assaulted by drunk individuals on several occasions. However, I think that the lockout laws are extremely detrimental to our society, economy and international reputation.

There are a multitude of reasons these laws are misguided. Harsh over-reactions to small, isolated incidents that punish the majority for the crimes of the few never work, and this is an extreme example of such a strategy. Australia has become an international laughing stock and our reputation and tourism is affected. Entire sectors of society, nurses, hospitality workers, entertainment staff, emergency services workers (police, fire crew), taxi drivers, anyone on shift work has good and valid reasons for purchasing take-away alcohol after 10pm or going for a drink at any time of the night.

I assure you that many a perfectly sedate dinner party consisting of middle aged parents with the kids in bed has been shut down by the inability to buy another bottle of wine, and in my opinion that is over-policing in the extreme.

We are a rich and varied society, with people who do things (safely and legally) at very different schedules, and deserve to have access to pubs, bottle shops and entertainment venues at times that suit us all. Bad behaviour (I can tell you from parenting) is never changed by punishment.

Best regards,

Uri Auerbach

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