

# Liquor license review

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a formal submission to the review of the NSW liquor laws.

I have lived in Kings Cross and Potts Point for 20 years and have a strong connection to the suburb. My apartment is directly opposite the El Alemain Fountain in Fitzroy Gardens. I've long been aware of the scourge of alcohol addiction and other substance abuse and have witnessed first hand the broad ranging negative impacts on the families of students that I teach, people who call Lifeline where I volunteer and in the men that I feed whilst volunteering my services at Mathew Talbot Homeless Refuge in Woolloomooloo. Despite this first hand exposure to some of the ills within my community, I am writing to strongly oppose the imposition of the liquor restrictions imposed on licensed premises in recent times.

Legitimate and well run Kings Cross, Potts Point, Darlinghurst and CBD venues of all kinds have been unfairly hurt by the downturn in pedestrian traffic. I am sure you've been made aware of the numerous large licensed bars and nightclubs that have closed. I am now beginning to see other types of businesses such as restaurants, cafes, take away shops and convenience stores on the brink of closure due to the fact that so many people now avoid the area.

Prior to the imposition of the new laws I frequently purchased takeaway liquor after 10pm and would also move between licensed venues after 1:30am to meet friends and enjoy varied activities such as playing pool and dancing. I believe that the new laws unduly intervene in the lawful activities of revellers. These laws do not strike the correct balance between the majority of law abiding revellers/venues and the minority of trouble makers. They also fail to address the issue of stimulants which induce violence such as steroids, cocaine and amphetamines. It is also my belief that existing responsible service of alcohol laws were previously poorly enforced by venues and authorities alike.

I am puzzled as to why laws might be imposed in such a narrow geographic locale. I can't help but be sinicle in regard to the fact that the Star Casino and planned Barangaroo precinct are exempt from these laws, despite having dubious records in rates of violence.

Thanks you for considering my submission.

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