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# Submission to the review of alcohol

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The current "lockout laws" as they are labelled are a valuable contribution to reducing the ongoing harms caused by a ridiculous level of over supply of alcohol to a community that already has an alcohol problem.

Australia unfortunately has an alcohol problem, as a 47 year old male who has been a member of the ADF and seen first hand the problems that alcohol can cause to someone who through their employment see's the everyday problems that are caused by the misuse and abuse of intoxicating liquor.

The Kings Cross and Sydney CBD areas were awash with alcohol and the beer barons were doing their utmost to keep raking in the dollars with not a care in the world for the ramifications to the community or their patrons once they had been turned out and inflicted on the community.

Any reasonable person would conclude that the reduction in serious assaults and violence associated with these pieces of legislation are nothing short of miraculous and show just how valuable these laws are. Were these laws to be rolled back or weakened in anyway it is as sure as night follows day that the levels of violence previously seen would restart over and it is then only a matter of time before someone else pays the price with their life.

Unfortunately, alcohol is a large part of the Australian culture and whilst many Australian's understand the concept of a " social drink", many more do not and drink more for effect than for pleasure with the resultant problems that brings.

The last thing the community of NSW needs is a weakening of these laws to placate the beer barons and a noisy minority, surely the rights of people to be able to be protected and reasonably safe outweigh the so called right to drink around the clock.

Regards,

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