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Lock out Laws

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I have already sent emails to the Premier , Mr Baird and The Hon. Troy Grant on this issue. I am totally against the Lock out Laws and feel strongly could have been handled in a more appropriate way. It was a knee jerk reaction to the deaths of 2 young men.

I have suggested some solutions to the problem of alcohol violence and excessive drinking.

- (1) Raise the age of drinking , In USA it is 21 most states, Japan it is 20.Of course the Hotel ,Pubs, Liquor etc. lobby group won't like it as young people make up a large proportion of their customers.
- (2) A much larger fine not the miserable \$220 I think it is at present, for drunken, disorderly behaviour, \$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000 and several months in prison , might make these louts think twice before getting drunk and causing problems.
- (3) Much more police presence on streets at weekends when most people are out and trouble likely to happen.
- (4) All Bottle shops should be closed by 11 pm at latest, or no alcohol sales to people under at least 25 years old after 10:00 pm
- (5) Australia has a reputation overseas as nation of being high alcohol drinkers and drunken, boorish louts. The Government, and State Governments, and various organization need to run education campaigns in schools etc. . to try and show young people drinking to excess just for the sake of it is not cool or a likeable behaviour.

Kind Regards
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