

Submission to the review of alcohol

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Since 1997 I have resided in [REDACTED], been President of Terrigal Area Residents Association Inc. (TARA) since its inception in 2000 until the present day, a JP, and until last year a NHW co-ordinator.

Long before the initiation of Lock-Out Laws in Newcastle, in 2004/5, Terrigal became a Mecca for late night drinking and partying with resultant noise, drunkenness, hooliganism and violence issues. There were 2 Night Clubs and 2 Bars on either side of Kurrawyba St., within a 60 sq. metre radius. Over the period of some 12 months, a group of 14 residents supported by the police, attended Gosford Courthouse on 3 or 4 occasions where Mrs. KoK of the Liquor Licensing Board gradually introduced management systems and finally Lock Out regulations. The end result was a 40% drop in crime, a massive noise reduction, and a much safer environment. Yes, two of those Bars folded shortly afterwards, but new bars have since opened. The Beaches Liquor Accord was successful in maintaining a more civilized drinking scene, and the 'Barred from one Barred from all' initiative has further strengthened management options.

I therefore strongly urge the Government to continue with the present Lock Out laws in Kings Cross and Sydney CBD

Regards,

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Community supporter