

Submission to the review of alcohol

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There is no doubt in my mind that when I was in my early adulthood I made many mistakes. Violence drugs and alcohol played there part and I often drove home in a compromised state. At the time it seemed normal and cool. But we didn't have the awareness and education that exists today. We also weren't confronted with the normalisation of violence that today's society condones. I'm definitely not anti fun, I'm just anti violence and anti drugs. Re must re-normalise better behaviour because unfortunately the voluntary systems we have just aren't working. The police are always sold short by the Judiciary and Legal system. Give them the latitude to hold and re-educate just like it used to be.

Entertainment precincts that have a reputation for drugs, excess and violence will deter as many as they attract. The NSW Govt once adopted a traffic calming policy and I suggest that we should adopt this principal to late night entertainment. Perhaps we shouldn't focus on precluding the potentially violent from these areas and try to emphasise more socially acceptable behaviours, or , more controversially, bring them in.. An example is that in my area of expertise we have hired hackers to advise us on intrusion prevention strategies. Maybe we should hire the thugs to give us advice on how to better prevent transgression.

By the way, I left school at 15 and I came from a school that had first class honours in unnecessary violence (London), so I have lived this.

Regards,

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