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To whom it may concern

### **Review of 2014 Liquor Law Reforms**

I would like to make a submission to the Liquor Law Review.

My submission addresses the impact of the statewide 10pm takeaway liquor sales restriction. Our view is that online or telephone home delivery sales of alcohol should be exempted from this restriction.

My wife and I are parents of two small children living in the Eastern Suburbs. We have, from time to time, used the services of a home delivery alcohol service (Jimmy Brings) to order wine to be delivered to our house. For us, this has provided a safe, convenient and responsible way of purchasing alcohol.

The 2014 liquor licensing reforms have meant that such home delivery can no longer occur after 10pm. For many adults around NSW, this has frustrated attempts to enjoy a peaceful night of entertaining and drinking responsibly in their own homes. For the businesses providing these delivery services, this has no doubt meant a significant downturn in revenue.

There does not seem to be any good policy reason for a ban on alcohol being home delivered after 10pm. While we appreciate the intention of the 2014 reforms was to stem alcohol related violence, we are not aware of any relationship between alcohol home delivery services and such violence. If anything, providing alcohol to people in their own homes provides and encourages a safe alternative to going out and congregating in licensed premises where violence has been endemic, such as Kings Cross and the CBD.

In our opinion, restricting online or telephone home delivery alcohol sales after 10pm is not appropriate, and does not secure the objectives of the reforms. It has had unintended consequences for law abiding members of the community such as ourselves, who prefer to drink safely and responsibly at home. It is also likely to have had a negative financial impact on businesses that provide alcohol home delivery services, despite no established link between their services and alcohol related violence. For these reasons, we encourage you to grant such home delivery services an exemption from the 10pm restriction on takeaway alcohol sales, if that restriction is to continue.

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