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Liquor law review submission

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To Whom it may concern,

I do not appreciate Australian citizens as well as tourists being treated as though we are children without self control. This has been increasingly apparent to me since travelling overseas to many locations, most notably Barcelona. In Barcelona it is obvious that people enjoy a level of freedom much higher than we have here in Australia. However they do not abuse their freedom. They enjoy themselves with restraint. I feel as though the increasing level of restriction in Australia is turning people into either completely reclusive hermits who are afraid to leave the house or absolutely loose wild-child hippies who go to the middle of nowhere and take as many drugs as possible, causing themselves permanent brain damage. People should have the freedom to drink and enjoy themselves as they feel it is appropriate. The more that you politicians and bureaucrats try to stifle the part of human nature that wants to socialise with people, dance and drink, the more you will see it revolt and respond in increasingly disturbing ways. If you give people the space and time to express themselves freely, there will be none of the resistance and violence against the restrictions.

I would like to see people free to drink in public, clubs and pubs open until 5am, alcohol for sale any time and much cheaper liquor licensing fees. This will not only give those of us (including myself) who work in hospitality more jobs, it will also create more space for people to enjoy themselves at different times of the day and in various ways. At the moment people cease any opportunity to get completely off their face instead of letting off steam in healthy and controlled ways.

If people choose to abuse the freedom of being allowed to party until the morning, then it is only themselves that will suffer. They will learn their lesson through hangovers and waking to find no money in their wallets and losing their job.

If you have seen the video from Jordan Hurdes or seen the effects that drugs have on people, I would recommend allowing people to drink alcohol with much more freedom and much more cheaply, which their livers can safely deal with. Otherwise people are going to turn to taking drugs, which are much cheaper than alcohol and available 24/7. They won't be taking them in licensed venues, they will be taking them at people's private homes, at festivals and in nature. This is dangerous for society and not good for tax.

Kind regards

Lani