

Submission to the review of alcohol

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When I first began policing in 2006, every Friday and Saturday night mixed with some weekday nights, Wollongong Police would have to deal with the overwhelming amount of intoxicated patrons leaving numerous licenced premises within the CBD.

These intoxicated persons would commit or be involved in a wide range of incidents, all culminating from the consumption of intoxicating liquor.

Police would be subsequently involved in dealing with these 'fuelled' persons, placing themselves in harms way on may occasions to quell these intoxicated persons. This was a very, very common occurrence.

Personally, this has left me mentally scared after the constant verbal and physical abuse placed upon me and other officer's I work with. I don't go out in town drinking anymore as a result of what I have seen take place on the streets after a night of drinking. It's not safe at all.

Since the 'lock out' laws were introduced, I can honestly say that the street violence has dropped dramatically. Obviously more needs to be done and laws to protect the community and emergency services have to be enforced by the courts as this is where the system is braking down in a huge way.

Regards,

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