

letter concerning liquor law review

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

To The Honourable Ian Callinan AC QC,

My name is Vashti and I am writing concerning a review of the impact of liquor law reforms, which I understand you are conducting.

This letter relates to one area that has been affected by these laws - the 10pm cut-off on the sale of takeaway alcohol and alcohol home delivery.

While I do support the role liquor law reforms play in reducing violence in public places, I feel the restriction on alcohol consumed at home should be reconsidered.

Takeaway alcohol, and even more so alcohol delivery, provides an option for people who want to drink but stay off the streets in the safety of their home, or to stay home with friends to eat and drink in a dignified manner.

In fact, it could even be counterproductive to restrict these services because if someone wants a drink after 10pm and has nothing at home they would need to go to a bar or pub to have one!

There is an alcohol delivery service called Jimmy Brings which I used when I wanted to stay home and needed more wine for a dinner party or felt like a nightcap with my husband but couldn't go out because our young children were sleeping.

It would benefit me personally and, my belief, also the community, if you would review the laws' inclusion of services such as this.

To reiterate a point I made above, enabling people to consume alcohol safely at home could even be part of the solution to ensuring public safety by keeping drunk people off the streets.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Vashti McKendry