

Submission to independent liquor law review

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

Good afternoon

This email is my submission to Ian Callinan AC's current review of liquor laws in NSW.

I share community concern about liquor-fuelled street violence and understand from media reports that the current restrictions which are the subject of this review have contributed to a drop in this violence. Please note that the only sources I have used to inform my views are media reports, particularly in the print media, and that I have undertaken no independent research in, nor had any direct experience of these matters.

I submit that any permanent restrictions should be in place across all the state, not just in selected parts of the state and should apply to all venues which serve liquor.

I submit that the 10pm restriction on take away sale of liquor be changed to a slightly later time.

I submit that it would be reasonable for licensed venues to share greater responsibility than at present for keeping alcohol-fuelled violence off the streets. I understand that these venues currently have the right/requirement at any time to refuse to serve, or to refuse entry to their premises to alcohol-affected patrons and I submit that they be required similarly to refuse exit to alcohol-affected patrons they have served. In this case there would be no need for any time-based restrictions at all on serving alcohol, but for internal RBT-like protocols to be in place and backed up appropriately by venues.

I submit that the effect on the viability and vibrancy of licensed venues of customers being free to drink at any time as much as they choose, albeit at the discretion of the venue, in an environment safe both for themselves and the public, should be assessed.

Best wishes

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