

Comment on Independent Liquor Law Review

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

Dear Administration Team

I wish to put forth the following formal submission of the review on behalf of myself and many other early career academic researchers within NSW.

Australia is blessed to have a vibrant, intelligent and impactful community of academic researchers across numerous disciplines.

Proportional to the number of researchers in the country, our academic rigour and impact is incredible when considered on a worldwide scale.

Further, Australia is home to three Schools of Psychology which rank within the top 20 in the entire world ([http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2015/psychology#sorting=rank+region="+country="+faculty="+stars=false+search=](http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2015/psychology#sorting=rank+region=))

This country also has two Schools of Medicine within the top 20 in the world ([http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2015/medicine#sorting=rank+region="+country="+faculty="+stars=false+search=](http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2015/medicine#sorting=rank+region=))

Given the wealth of academic resources within our own country, we well and truly have the capacity to research and implement methods which would both reduced alcohol fuelled violence and maintain a vibrant night-life scene.

Also, we have strong links to academic research groups across almost every single country on Earth. This means we are able to learn and implement the best world practices in preventing alcohol fuelled violence with ease.

Despite all of this, Mike Baird has neglected both NSW and the research community by not consulting with those best poised in being able to rectify the situation.

I wish, herewith, to express my concern that Mike Baird has neglected many by not doing his due diligence in consulting with the great scientific community and has caused great harm by not adopting, or even considering to find a well-researched and designed intervention into preventing alcohol fuelled violence.

Sincerest regards

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