

# Mark Pigott X Taylor Square Newsagent manager/family owner

## 2nd submission

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

Dear sir,

I thought it note worthy as a now former business manager/owner of a once very long running retail business on Oxford street to add a few further observations and comments arising in recent days and subsequent to my earlier contribution that I have previously submitted. I also note with interest that the window of opportunity to submit is fast approaching its closing date.

I would like to raise the observation, in the hope that it will be given fair consideration in this review, that there appears to be little if any consideration towards the general retail segment within the current lockout zones, retailers that do not hold a liquor licence and therefore do not sell alcohol but do depend upon the revolving door of the city's trade by these very retail businesses, being located within the affected zones.

I note with interest that a series of roundtable discussions [3] have begun with the government and a range of interested stake holders from various segments and interested groups within the community.

My major concern and question lies as to whether or not any representation was extended by the organisers to anyone from within this general retail traders segment. If not, why not. My suspicion and educated guess is that these meetings will not have any representation from this group. I suspect that those invited will not represent the interests of all parties concerned. I would like to add that I personally put forward an application as a former business owner of 83 years, of a now closed business, along Oxford street due to these laws, one of many. Unfortunately my application and request for an invitation was not accepted.

Please refer to my earlier submission that contained some of my families business credentials and long history as a retailer on Oxford street. Finally I would add that given this history and first hand knowledge of Oxford street and the city's trading history over such a very long time. My family remain able to contribute from a point of knowledge and experience not possible by many others. Exactly why our expression of interest to attend and constructively contribute to these ongoing discussions by certain government departments remains a point of confusion and amusement within my family.

If a very long standing and successful family business over three generations has now closed almost exclusively due to government legislation and these laws, but does not qualify for an invite to discuss the very cause and affect that these laws continue to have on many, then there must be something intrinsically wrong with the terms of reference.

Regards,  
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Sent from my iPad