

# Re: Liquor Law Review

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

Dear Ian Callinan,

I would like to protest against the new liquor laws and support a review. The laws have impacted far greater numbers of people in many ways than the few they purportedly make safe.

But even the statistical interpretation of whether the lock-out laws significantly increase safety is under question. As Fulde et al 2014 concede "...it was beyond the scope of our study to correct for potentially relevant demographic or ecological variables during the period of the study, such as population volumes". It is obvious that the delay for the alcohol related -serious injury (ARSI) (Fig. 3) was because of a decrease in foot-traffic in the area. More data of ARSI from many hospitals need to be analysed before a statement on policy can be made.

But even using the data from St. John's hospital, the change in emergency patients from ARSI decreased from 318 to 246. While this is statistically significant, it only represents a 1.2% change in the total number of emergency patients! So one has to ask, is it really all worth it for what it is doing to a once vibrant city.

Regards,  
Gerard Ricardo