

Submission to the review of alcohol

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I am a police officer who has lived [REDACTED] in Port Macquarie for the past eight years. I am interested in this issue as the lockout laws have resulted in a great decrease in assaults not only in the CBD but in homes after people have gone out. Before the laws come into place I was used to seeing people brawling every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday when pubs and clubs stayed open longer. This was a disgusting scene. The blood on peoples faces, hair being pulled out and other injuries due to assaults. After that people would go home and there would be more assaults there especially domestic relationships. Police would also get injured more when arresting people assaulting others. Before the lockout laws came in I would feel unsafe going out in the CBD and I certainly would never take out my wife and family. Port Macquarie went from a nice friendly place in the day to a war zone at night before the lockout laws came into place. The laws make sense, they work. I know they may upset some but to be honest most of those upset are either upset due to loss in business, or alcoholics who want to stay out more. What decent people want to stay out past lookout time anyway.

Regards,

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