

Royal Mail Hotel Braidwood 109792

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

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jarrod Bell , Licensee of the Royal Mail Hotel at Braidwood NSW. I'd like to make a submission in regards to the law that requires us to cease takeaway sales at 10pm. I have no doubt that in some areas of the state, this may seem like an excellent idea to try to curb pre fuelling as well as alcohol related violence. We are situated on the kings highway approx. 80klms south east of Canberra on a rural setting. The hotel services locals, workers from out of area, truckies, shift workers as well as tourists. After the change in the takeaway sales law we experienced the following:

* Higher customer aggravation after being refused sales post 10pm

*A higher rate of patrons pre fuelling before attending the hotel (as opposed to collecting a few takeaways to finish their night elsewhere)

- which as a result led us to more physical altercations.

*Patrons found to be buying stronger drinks over the bar in an attempt to accommodate for any other drinks that might be missed out on later (again seeing a rise in physical altercations.)

*We saw a drop in revenue that could be seen as detrimental to a small country Hotel.

As above mentioned our customer base isn't made up completely of the party crowd, it covers a wide cross section of the rural community. I believe that rural areas such as ours continuing to adhere to this requirement will see further negative impacts in relation to staffing and keeping locals employed as well as supporting local events and sporting teams.

increased revenue from takeaway sales has assisted our hotel to support many local events in the past.

We currently employ 6 local staff and donate to local Apex, RFS, local show, local rodeo, plus many more.

Regards,

Jarrod Bell

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