

LIQUOR LAW REVIEW

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To The Honourable Ian Callinan AC QC,

It has come to my attention that you are conducting an independent review of the impact of liquor law reforms.

It is my hope for Australians that we will be able to change the culture of violence that is associated with the over-consumption of alcohol and promote a safer drinking culture - one that reduces the culture of binge drinking and alcohol related violence. I believe creating a slightly more relaxed approach to the service of alcohol rather than a restrictive approach will allow for less intense behaviour around the consumption of alcohol. I hope for my children to grow up in a culture that fosters a healthier relationship with alcohol than i did, one where alcohol can be a healthy addition to a social life rather than binge drinking and secretive substance abuse that develops as a result of restrictive and prohibitive laws.

I am a twenty - seven year old woman living in Bronte Beach. I do not frequent bars and clubs and I do support measures to reduce alcohol-related violence.

While there is evidence that these new laws have had a positive impact upon reducing violent incidents in the entertainment precinct, I am writing to you regarding the 10pm cut-off on the sale of take-away alcohol, specifically the delivery of alcohol.

I use a service called Jimmy Brings. This service delivers alcohol to homes in the Eastern Suburbs, Inner-West and Lower North Shore and was impacted by the 10pm cut-off. I often entertain at home with my husband, as we prefer the company of our own friends, the sound of our own music and the comfort of our home. On a number of occasions, we have run out of wine and beer and our only option, if we are not ready to call it a night, is to head to our local pub which is so loud we can barely have a conversation.

I believe this service endeavours to cultivate a more dignified drinking culture in our society; however, by unintended consequence, became collateral damage of the change in legislation in 2014. This is a service that encourages people to stay home, off the streets and enjoy a drink in a safe environment and is mainly used by people who do not want to go out to bars, or have already had a drink and do

not want to drive.

I believe alcohol delivery can be part of the solution and should not be treated as part of the problem and I urge you to please consider lifting the 10pm cut off for the delivery of alcohol.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Jess Rutledge