

Submission to the review of alcohol

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

Dear Premier,

I represent a very long standing not-for-profit public interest Alcohol and Other Drug Education, Advocacy and Resourcing community agency which has two campuses in NSW - Sydney and Hunter Valley. Our movement has for well over 150 years been not only pioneers of, but continuing grass roots voice, for public health and safety on the Alcohol misuse issue. Alongside that we have continued to lobby on behalf of families and communities for safer, healthier and stronger private and public spaces unassailable by the misuse of the legal drug alcohol.

Our growing coalition continues its long history of seeking interventions that seem to come and go, depending on the mood, often of the alcohol industry, clever marketing and 'compliant' governments. Our movement has seen great strides made in the reduction of harms from alcohol over the decades, only to have them eroded, or just plain sabotaged by irresponsible and poor government policy.

The recently introduced and successful legislative changes are harking back to once previously successful interventions and should not only remain, but be further enhanced to ensure Night Time Economies are safer, healthier and more enjoyable to broader demographics than the current binge drinking minority.

Foundation principles of the governance of community is to ensure all citizens are to as far as possible 1) keep citizens from harm and 2) maximize their potential for their productivity.

These new inventions are doing just that, and can increase economic prosperity too, if entertainment precincts can be wrested back from the minority traders and clients that create harm and reduce community productivity.

Keep the laws in place,

Sincerely yours, Shane Varcoe - Dalgarno Institute

Regards,

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Community supporter