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Submission to the review of alcohol

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As a long time resident of Bondi junction, I am extremely aware of alcohol issues that need our constant vigilance. There is plenty of evidence to support the need to maintain these laws and to ignore this evidence would be irresponsible of our government.

My hope is that the government will be proud of their strong but fair stance on alcohol. Because it is an addictive substance, the distribution and hours of pubs and clubs need intervention. I know all too well that conditions such as RSA fail us if we have to rely solely on clubs and pubs to self manage. Bondi junction could well do with the Kings Cross lockout laws applied to our pubs and I am proposing that the NSW government look at applying the laws across all of the state.

Alcohol problems affect all communities and problems with violence, domestic abuse, antisocial behaviours, etc that get reported to police and councils are just the tip of the iceberg. Sydney is not closed or dry simply because pubs have to stop serving at three in the morning or because they are required to lockout additional patrons at a certain time. There is a lot of nonsense about this being a nanny state. Complaints about the sensible approach the government has taken makes me wonder, do people have a sense of entitlement to such a degree that they care not about the positive impact of the lockout laws and the flow on effects within the broader community? Are we breeding a nation of narcissists?

Regards,

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Community supporter