

Submission to the review of alcohol

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We need to keep the laws in place because they work. They are evidence-based. In particular Kings Cross has been treated uniquely and exclusively as a nighttime economy area, at the expense of the daytime economy which is now thriving, and certainly at the expense of the local community. The irony which saw massive government support by way of concession after concession to the liquor lobby allowing an unmanageable number of licensed premises and extension of trading hours while simultaneously approving D.A.'s for the construction of so many quality home units must be borne considered. No government has a right to impose such a formula as was allowed to prevail in Kings Cross on any community.

Finally, as a registered nurse, I am very familiar with the damage that alcohol does to our community. Which certainly does not mean I am a wouser or that I do not drink. However, alcohol is a drug and it is incumbent upon the government to regulate it. To imagine that we can survive in society with no restrictions on anything such as Senator Leyonjhelm believes is madness. All societies, even primitive ones, have restrictions and taboos and regulations. And it doesn't get much more primitive than Kings Cross did prior to the lockouts. The tragic deaths of those young men was just the tip of the iceberg. Hold fast and maintain and ignore all the white noise emanating from the liquor lobby and their anti-lockout, live music puppets!

Regards,

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