

Submission to the review of alcohol

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I am a doctor and was the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital from 1982 until I retired in 2012. I have lived in Darlinghurst since 2010. I have followed the international and national research on preventing alcohol related problems. This show very clearly that modest shortening of alcohol opening hours, as occurred in Kings Cross in 2014, reduces alcohol related violence significantly. And this is exactly what happened in Kings Cross as confirmed by BOCSAR, St Vincent's Hospital, ambulance and police records. The claimed reduction in the drinks industry and music scene, if it happened at all, had other causes.

Regards,

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