

Submission to the review of alcohol

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I am a medical officer in a large teaching hospital in Sydney's inner suburbs.

The government is to be congratulated on putting in place "lockout laws" which have saved lives and dramatically reduced unprovoked assaults in inner Sydney.

My colleagues at StVH have documented dramatic changes in assault statistics which have not been offset by increases elsewhere.

Please continue these measures which have been shown to be so effective. Do not succumb to the pressures of vested business interests who have profits, not community benefit, uppermost in their considerations.

The success of these measures is comparable to the impact on road carnage of seat belt and RBT measures and should be seen and supported in the same way. We wouldn't contenance relaxing RBT measures because of pressures from panel beaters who are missing out on business. Think of lock out laws in the same way.

Regards,

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