

Submission to the review of alcohol

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The current alcohol-related violence laws ARE working - who wants to change them? Do the police, doctors and nurses at inner city hospitals, paramedics, residents in the areas previously affected by the violent alcohol abusers, want them changed? Or is it the money-hungry new alcohol provider businesses, excessive in number, who are only interested in making money and take no part in preventing or cleaning up the fall-out from their being 'open all hours'?

I am a concerned citizen who cares about the image of our city as it is portrayed around the world. And, believe me, before the current laws were put in place, Sydney's reputation in Europe and Great Britain was not a pleasant thing to hear about as an Australian traveller overseas!

Surely our image as a brawling, violent, drunken people is not an unofficial image we want to have promoted in tourists' comments again?

Why should we put our medical people and city residents/visitors at risk again just so that some bar-keeping Interests can fill their pockets?

The current Laws are working .. it would be foolish in the extreme to change them!

Regards,

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Community supporter