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Director General
Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing
Level 6
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Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to the statutory review of the Three Strikes Disciplinary Scheme, Illawarra Catholic Club would like to provide the following feedback:

We believe the automatic allocation of a strike without any consideration of prior preventative work is unfair. Our Club prides itself on being a responsible provider of alcohol. This is based on a comprehensive internal program that covers all levels of the Club including special management of high risk events and proactively addressing all requirements of the new Intoxication Guidelines. As part of this the Club has contracted Allied Risk Solutions Pty Ltd to a multi-year deal at a cost of \$50,000 p.a. to provide expert advice in RSA compliance.

Our overall statistics show that 50% of RSA issues are resolved at the front door before people enter the Club. We averaged over 800,000 people entering our venues for 2013 – 2014 financial year. Based on these numbers only 0.00014% are asked to leave because of intoxication. If on one of these occasions a police officer identified an intoxicated person before one of our staff the Club would receive a strike under the current legislation. There would be no consideration of evidence that proves our RSA program is very successful in controlling intoxication.

We believe that consideration should be given to proactive preventative work undertaken by venues before strikes are imposed.

Chris White
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