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The Research Director
Law, Justice, and Safety Committee
Queensland Parliament

Dear sir,

Concerning the drunken violence that is occurring at and around licensed premises, the Government has the laws in place to control but are not being policed. Every hotel and club has signs saying it is illegal to serve intoxicated persons so why are drunks still being served?

In my working life I did some part time work for several newsagents adjacent to several hotels and the number of times I saw police and ambulances called to fights in the car parks always amazed me.

If licensees were forced to pay all police and ambulance costs involved or lose their right to trade after certain hours I am sure the problem would decrease somewhat.

Also newsagents and taxi drivers have to contend with drunks walking around the suburban streets at all hours of the night particularly on Friday and Saturday nights.

Also anyone who is inebriated and gets hurt should have to pay all costs involved for their stupidity.

Also, if Governments were fair dinkum about drink driving it should be illegal to have more than zero blood alcohol limit when in charge of a vehicle the same as professional drivers who are normally ten times more capable behind the wheel than Joe Blo. This would never happen, there is too much revenue at stake.

You think I am teetotal but no, I am not.

Yours faithfully,

J.R. Whalen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J.R. Whalen".