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To the committee;

I lived and worked in NYC for 12 years. I have visited New Orleans many, many times. I have travelled in most European countries and through out the USA.

Never have I seen so much alcohol consumed as in Australia. Never have I seen so much street violence. Never have I seen the obvious heavy use of drugs, most particularly in Kiama, on the NSW south coast where we lived and now here in Noosa. The news is now full of it!

Australia is in the process of being changed, literally forever, because of our culture of constant alcohol abuse and now the overwhelming use of recreational drugs. It should be obvious to a blind man that the alcohol laws are simply not being enforced by the licensing police and the police in general.

If you really want to make a difference you must treble the size of the licensing police in all areas. Every hotel or club should be visited regularly every night with an emphasis on Friday and Saturday nights. After 10 or 11 on any night you will see under age and totally paralytic drinkers being served. You will see unpatrolled neighborhoods. No hotel security guards around the neighboring streets.

Have you any idea how many plain clothed police are on duty in BOURBON St, New Orleans, on any night. I to 10 revelers!

Did you know it is a crime to be drunk and disorderly in NYC? We need zero tolerance on alcohol abuse.

The plain fact of the matter is that our laws are not being enforced.

If you are really serious about getting on top of alcohol abuse you should take very seriously the opportunity with a much larger alcohol police group or some other specialist force to enforce the law all the time, most particularly at night, inside the venues. So you will have to pay double time. Is that the issue? We, the community are not worth the extra money?

Are the group that give out licquire and gambling licenses elected?

Who supervises them?

Are our communities properly informed, are they supplied with kits so they can correctly make their case against pubs or clubs? It seems they are left to their own devises which relies on anecdotal evidence. They get no professional support to protect their neighborhoods, property or their safety. Why?

The pubs and clubs get professional support why shouldn't the community. Who is more important? The wealth of the clubs and pubs or the quality of life of our community? Right now it is one sided and we the community are left to fend for ourselves.

I have much more to say. I am 5th generation Australian. I have lived in many cities, many towns in Europe, south america and the USA. I lived in these places ... I can properly make a comparison.

Just last night we were walking home from Noosa Junction, about 9:30.

We where not approached, nevertheless the youths we encountered were clearly drunk and the language was obscene. They where coming from the direction of a local bar or could have been drinking in one of the many unpatrolled, unlit parks. Who knows?

More precisely, do the authorities care?

Well you have the opportunity to make a difference ...

You people are elected by the people in your neighborhood. Protect us and give us back our quality of life.

Yours sincerely

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