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Please find attached my story of why Toowoomba should not have extended hotel trading hours due to alcohol related violence in our community

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{ Glory to The Father, Son and Holy Spirit }

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Tuesday, September 22, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:
Law, Justice and Safety Committee
Parliament House, Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Sir, Madam or Miss,

I wish to add my contribution to a matter that concerns not only myself and those close to me but all decent and responsible people. I refer to the trading hours for licenced premises which I believe are just open slather for the greedy to profit from and the ir-responsible and un-disciplined to be harmed by and to harm others.

Once it was good enough for those who wished to socially drink at licenced premises – and nota bene I do drink alcohol and so have no moral or theological axe to grind – to close at 2200 hours. I know well that the Scriptures recognised the problem was not wine but being drunk therewith.

That the government has announced a twelve month moratorium on extended licence hours shows both its greed for the dollars to be gained and its dis-regard for the common good as against the selfish yobbos who wish to have yet more hours to indulge in their anti-social antics. It is simple and should be re-cognised – the less hours alcohol is available to those too stupid to discipline themselves the better.

If someone is going to hypothetically drink one beer per hour then his or her alcohol blood content must worsen the more hours are available for that person to im-bibe. I get bloody angry when I see idiots arrested with a BAL three or even more times the legal limit. These wastes of space fuel themselves up and then drive, endangering or even on occasion killing themselves or worse some one else.

I resided for a time in the ACT and personally knew one idiot who was that drunk he didn't realize he was on the wrong side of the Tuggeranong Freeway, a main arterial that has a high concrete spine down the centre. The spine should have been on his right – he didn't register that it was on his left, signifying the wrong side of the road. At about 0300 he hit a car head on after previously missing another two. As is often the case he was that drunk he was relaxed when the cars collided that he suffered no serious injuries. The impact sufficed to push the passenger front wheel almost into the driver's side front seat.

The Magistrate, rather than preventing him driving at all, as he deserved, allowed him to hold a licence for the purposes of traveling to and from work. He should have been totally banned, even if it meant losing his job. The law and its enforcement in this country is way too soft.

In all seriousness I ad-vocate the return of the cane in schools, the stocks and public flogging for minor offences and the return of the death penalty for such as murder, rape and drug trafficking. Also I mention that had I the authority persons the likes of Dennis Ferguson would not be at liberty to endanger children.

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On the matter of alcohol and hours of service, the closing time should be put back to a decent hour, 2200 being my preference but if not then 2359/000. There is no need whatsoever for the socially re-sponsible for that matter to be drinking in the early morning either.

Finally driving with a serious alcohol or drug level should be made a criminal offence and raised from the level of the Magistrate's Courts where it seems to be a joke among contemptuous and recidivist offenders. I recall a story from Greek mythology about three sisters who shared a single eye - when I look at many of the football and beer loving yobbos who seem to be a great proportion of the offenders in anti-social matters I think the story should be re told but this time with a single brain cell.

I sum up by expressing my disgust at the song that was chosen when we won the America's Cup Yacht Race - it glorified the moronic vomiting 'culture' of which this country seems to be so proud and made me ashamed to be an Australian.

Sincerely,



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Member of the Bar of the State of Queensland

Copy: The Leader of The Opposition, Queensland