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The impact of late opening hours:

8. Licensed premises with extended trading hours until 5am should ALL be wound back to 3am. This would give local governments more time to clean the the mess caused by patrons once they leave the club/pub (rubbish, broken glass etc). The sun rises as early as 4:45am in some parts of Queensland. It is entirely unsuitable to have intoxicated people mixing with members of the public who are going about their daily exercise at this time of the morning. I run and ride through Surfers Paradise every weekend and the broken glass, food wrapper rubbish and people passed out from intoxication is a blemish on our tourist strip. As a local, I feel embarrassed when I see such an eyesore. If Government created a level commercial playing field across the entire liquor industry by restricting trading hours back to no later than 3am, I suspect the majority of Licensee's would support this shift in policy.

Education campaigns and their role in cultivating effective social change in terms of community attitudes to alcohol consumption:

RSA and the regulation of same is a joke. It is virtually impossible for liquor licensing and police to monitor bar staff in this area. It is incredibly resource intensive. Greater responsibility needs to fall back on the patron with tougher penalties should they conduct themselves inappropriately.