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Best practice harm minimisation measures:

People tend to drink high alcohol content drinks to excess and loose control, this when most types of offences are committed by persons who are intoxicated. To reduce harm action should be taken to reduce the amount of alcohol consumption in the community especially in the lower age groups. Restricted trading hours.

The impact of late opening hours:

The later the trading hours the higher the level of violence displayed by persons leaving licensed premises. The venues that close early have a relatively much lower incident of trouble. 3am lock out for a short time seemed to have reduced the level of violence, however that has been shown to have been ineffective in the long term. 3am lock out has only had the effect of persons wandering the streets till all hours already intoxicated and looking for trouble. This than escalated when persons are leaving venues at 5am. To reduce the rate of alcohol related violence all venues should close by 2am regardless.

Flow-on issues for emergency service workers, police, and frontline health workers:

Police and QAS and hospital staff deal with the impact of alcohol abuse on a daily basis however this escalated on weekends when venues remain open longer, the build up of problems starts on Thursdays and increases each night finishing with a high level of domestic call on sunday. This pattern is repeated each week, Reduce the impact by reducing trading hours.