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ONLINE SUBMISSION - Inquiry into alcohol-related violence

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Best practice harm minimisation measures:

Long opening hours of pubs and clubs promotes binge drinking and violence. Patrons do not spend long hours in these venues drinking at low risk levels. The solution has to be to take away the conditions/antecedents of this problem rather than throw resources at the consequences. Shorter opening hours are essential to reduce violence.

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

Safety of the public and frontline workers should be paramount. They should not be subjected to violence and/or abuse just because they are doing their job.

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

Education alone is not helpful. Everyone knows about binge drinking but step into any pub or club and see how many people actually drink within safe levels.