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Dear Sir, Madam or Miss,

I am a former Police officer and have also worked in the security industry. I have seen at first hand what the effects can be when alcohol and persons of moronic attitude coupled with ir-responsible antics get mixed.

I believe it is not un-reasonable to state that the effect on the community of drunken behaviour and the violence that often accompanies it would be much reduced if the hours of availability for purchase of alcohol were reduced. It was once considered quite reasonable to cease supply of alcohol at 10pm [2200 hours] and the drinking age and age of adult status was set at twenty-one.

The managers of premises that supply alcohol care not for their patrons but the dollars they provide. They are complaining about reduced trading hours, thus showing clearly their selfishness. I could not care less about the lost income to the alcohol industry from reduced trading hours - cease the supply from 2200. Even if the premises remain open it must mean that those persons on site must become less inebriated and will begin to sober up.

I ask the Parliament of Queensland to show some leadership and reverse the alcohol fuelled foolishness that has become so prevalent . Return the drinking age to twenty-one in Queensland - all it takes is the amendment of the wording of the existing law from 18 to 21. I also ask that the time for cessation of supply of alcohol shall be set again at 10pm - 2200 hours - and neither should there should be any distinction between night clubs or general licenced premises. The cessation of supply time can be set across the state for all providers of alcohol. If I go out socially I ensure I have at the most two alcoholic drinks through the evening. This is being responsible and mature but for those too selfish , weak or stupid to discipline themselves there should not be a constant supply of alcohol available for them until the early hours.

Leaders who do not lead are merely followers. Either the Parliament has backbone or it doesn't - in light of the numbers of drivers caught for their sixth of seventh drink driving offence [they should have been jailed after the second instance] I can be forgiven for thinking it doesn't. Close the supply of alcohol at 10pm and damn the complaints of the providers and the idiot drinkers who cannot control themselves. If they - the patrons - cannot be self-disciplined adults then they must be treated as children.

Yours Faithfully Roger DESHON,