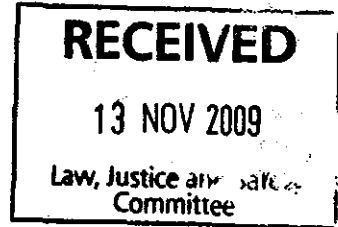


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Best practice harm minimisation measures:

1) Because some people are violent offenders without alcohol. Alcohol reduces inhibitions and shows a persons true nature rather than changing a person. 2) There have been too many measures and these have reduced the idea of personal responsibility. 3) Existing "collective discipline" measure are counter productive. 4) Enforcement of personal responsibility works. Collective punishment does not.

The impact of late opening hours:

5) It just shuffles a problem around, it doesn't address it. 6) 3am lockouts produce an explosively dangerous environment on the streets after 3am and people still need to get home via these same streets. 7) It produces spikes in demand for such things as transport and security and reducing the effectiveness of total available resources in these area. 8) We should be relaxing opening hours to spread out the demand for services to get people home and off the streets (post venue) as quickly as possible.

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

9) The same as other violence. Violence is violence and whether attitude, alcohol or drugs are involved the results are the same. 10) Get rid of spiked demand for their services by getting rid of mass triggers like arbitrary lockouts.

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

11) By promoting personal responsibility. 12) There is a concerted campaign towards wowsersism across all levels of government. 13) It is completely counter-productive. 14) Getting rid of wowsersism completely.

The role of parents in influencing attitudes towards alcohol consumption:

15) They aren't. Parents stopped parenting when government took over the task. 16) Instilling in parents the same personal responsibility we want them to impart into their children. Empower them to supervise their children and make them responsible for the results.

The economic cost of alcoholrelated violence:

17) The same as other violence. Violence is the issue, not a substance. 18) Promoting and enforcing a reduction in aggressive behaviour. Police ignore most actual instances of violence and the government tries to fix it on the "macro level". It needs to be policed and enforced at the individual level to return a sense of personal responsibility.

Any other Comments:

I visited Japan where it is not illegal to drink in public, but, only to be drunk in public. It was the most aggression-free and peaceful experience in my life. Alcohol does not cause violence in a society that is not already inherently violent.