

## **ONLINE SUBMISSION - Inquiry into alcohol-related violence**

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### **Best practice harm minimisation measures:**

My opinion and my experience as to why some individuals become violent from consuming alcohol is due to the fact that alcohol prevents the brain from making rational thinking. I think that there is no real medical or psychological factors, but there may be genetic factors e.g. race, age, sex, and other factors similar to those found in RSA training. The measures to reduce harm are to have the bar staff and security to have RSA training. The effectiveness of those measures are not all that effective as they are suggestive ways on how to reduce someone from being intoxicated. The RSA doesn't work because it trains bar staff to suggest other ways to stop people from getting intoxicated, it should in fact have several laws as to when to serve alcohol, how much alcohol, when not to serve certain types of alcohol, who to serve alcohol to and how many drinks per person. Having security in a licensed venue does work to a certain extent, but only if they have total control of the venue, as the owner/manager is the one who sets the rules and is the one who is responsible for who is let in to the venue. My honest opinion is that management should manage the money and not care about why security hasn't let in enough patrons.

### **The impact of late opening hours:**

There shouldn't be a 3am lockout, there should be a 3am close depending on how many times the police or emergency services have turned up.

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

The negative impacts are that it will take longer for emergency services to arrive whether you are intoxicated or not. My personal opinion on alcohol related crimes are that you should not get parole for repeat offenders and you should also get an increased fine.

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

The only way you can change the drinking culture is to hide it from everyone, like what they did with the tobacco products.

### **The role of parents in influencing attitudes towards alcohol consumption:**

The only way to prevent young Queenslanders from drinking is to charge the parents.

### **The economic cost of alcohol-related violence:**

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### **Any other Comments:**

I am a victim of alcohol-related violence, I am one of the lucky ones who survived physically, but not mentally. I was assaulted by an islander man who was previously charged with alcohol-related violence and when he was charged this time he got the exact same sentence as before, and personally he did more damage to me mentally than hitting me. I feel that you shouldn't get the same sentence if you are a repeat offender even if you are past your probation period. I honestly feel that you should be responsible for your own actions and be responsible for consuming alcohol and not put the responsibility on someone else.