

**Submission
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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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Attention: The Committee Manager, Committee on Law and Safety

Re: No take away alcohol sales after 10pm

Hello,

As you are aware of the changes to take away alcohol sale times since the 24 February 2014, I wonder are you aware of the downside these measures bring to an already depressed, drought ravished and struggling community.

A large number of our patrons travel up to and over 100kms to come to the "PUB" for a cold drink, to relax and forget about all the days heartaches and try to cheer up, get a few supplies and return home.

These are responsible people, Farmers, Graziers, Shearers, Station Managers and local workers. Not a pack of louts roaming Kings Cross.

Depression is rife in the bush, a couple of hours a week spent talking to people in the local pub goes a long way to help mental health.

In the bush a lot of people work daylight to dark, dark isn't until after 8.30pm out here in summer time. You imagine driving one hour or more to get supplies and get to the pub, maybe have a meal and get told that you cannot but takeaway alcohol because of the Laws brought in for one part of Sydney 1000kms away.

No one would ever condone what happened at Kings Cross.... What we need is a local solution for a local area, an exemption on the Take Away Alcohol Laws for our Small Rural Pubs is all we ask.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Oates

