

**INQUIRY INTO STRATEGIES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL  
ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN NSW**

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I wish to lodge a submission to the Inquiry.

Currently under the present licensing laws in NSW a minor can remain on licensed premises while they remain under the care of an adult. We now have situation where in many licensed premises they have provided crèches on licensed premises so that young children are entertained while their parents continue to consume alcohol and play gaming machines.

What this means now is parents do not go home at reasonable hours with their children and children end up going to sleep in club's/hotel's children areas unsupervised up until the club closes, sometimes at midnight.

I believe this is an outrageous situation and completely ignores the welfare of the child at the expenses of the parent's entertainment.

What this also does is creates a culture within the family and a mindset for the child that this type of behaviour is acceptable and that it is quite acceptable for children to remain on licensed premises at all hours.

I would submit that all minors should be off licensed premises by the very latest 10pm or earlier if food serving has ceased, say at 9pm.

Regards

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