INQUIRY INTO LIQUOR AMENDMENT (MUSIC FESTIVALS) REGULATION 2019 AND GAMING AND LIQUOR ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT (MUSIC FESTIVALS) REGULATION 2019

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ISSUES

Use of the Liquor Act to address a complex health and safety issue

Definitions do not fit with current industry understanding (i.e. concert vs festival)

Discretionary power allows for subjective decisions to be made by ILGA

Significantly increased police powers

RECOMMENDATIONS

Remove the current regulations

Manage the sale and supply of liquor through existing suitable license arrangements

Manage health-related risks at music festivals through NSW Health

Establish a Regulatory Roundtable for Festivals in NSW including industry peak body the AFA

Significantly increase investment in Peer-based Harm Reduction Services

Work with health, festival and drug experts to develop pill-testing trials at permanent and festival-based locations