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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Alcohol-related violence, and in particular violence in and around licensed premises, has been at the forefront of debate in NSW politics in recent years. A number of measures have been introduced over the years to deal with this problem. On 21 January 2014, the NSW Premier, Barry O'Farrell, [announced](#) a new package of reforms. Some of these measures were incorporated into legislation that was passed on 30 January 2014: the [Liquor Amendment Bill 2014](#) and the [Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment \(Assault and Intoxication\) Bill 2014](#)

This backgrounder provides a collection of key sources on this issue from Australia and overseas including Government policies, Parliamentary Committee reports, research reports, journal articles, and books. The sources listed represent a small selection from the vast amount of literature available. The focus is on material published in the last five years. Links are provided to the full text of sources, except for books, which can be borrowed from the Library. For copyright reasons, links to most journal articles are only available through the Intranet.

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