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Ms Sophie Dunstone  
Committee Secretary

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Dear Ms Dunstone

**Inquiry into the need for a nationally-consistent approach to alcohol-fuelled violence**

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to provide a submission to the Committee in relation to this matter.

I understand that the South Australian Attorney General's Department have arranged for an enquiry into liquor licensing issues in this State and many of the issues you will be considering will be covered in their review. They would be able to tell you when it is expected to be completed.

The only comment I wish to make, is that our courts are regularly confronted with the result of alcohol (and drug) fuelled violence and it seems to be rare for an offence of violence to be committed without alcohol or drugs as an element.

SAPOL will be able to provide you with data as to the blood alcohol reading of defendants upon their arrest and this will be of assistance to you in determining the accuracy of our anecdotal observations.

Yours sincerely

JUDGE MARY-LOUISE HRIBAL  
CHIEF MAGISTRATE