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Senate Legal & constitutional Affairs Committee
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RE: Alcohol and Violence inquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my thoughts and ideas on Alcohol fuelled Violence. As I have worked in the hospitality trade for over 15 years I have seen my fair share of change in the consumption of alcohol.

I believe the following could be implemented to help stop alcohol fuelled violence.

1. Changes to the way people get their RSA, it is too easy to go on line pay your money and then basically you keep taking the test on some sites until you pass.
2. Reduce the price of RTD's and make them only 1 standard drink, although they are more easily accessible, this way it is only one standard drink and for the responsible drinker they know exactly how much they have had to drink. At the moment young people are buy bottles of spirits as these are cheaper and either drinking these spirits straight from the bottle or not mixing standard drinks.
3. Make the licensee more accountable for their staff and intoxicated people. In some establishments, management are giving their staff incentives to sell more alcohol, and in doing this not abiding by the laws of not serving intoxicated people. In most cases regarding intoxicated people, the establishment is responsible for that person becoming intoxicated as they have continually served them, then once that person becomes uncontrollable they send them out onto the street and then it becomes some one else's problem.

4. More liquor licensing officers out in licensed establishments to insure laws are not being broken and issuing fines to those breaking the licensing laws.
5. Trading hours between 10am and 1 am, in my opinion that is plenty of drinking time. Most of the time young people don't go out until 11pm that is because they drink alcohol before going out. For night clubs, they could stay open for those people who enjoy dancing until 5am but no alcohol served after 1am, offer non alcoholic drinks only.
6. No shots served after a certain time in licensed premises.

Thank you for your time if you require to contact me please do so

Regards

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