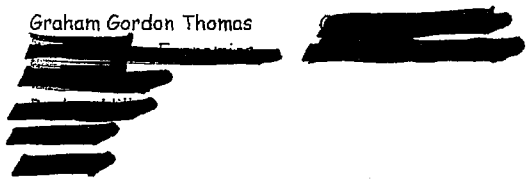


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To Project officer

Shame, that we cannot turn back the clock.

I watch with trepidation as the state governments allowed pubs to stay open longer and longer hours.

The fact that once peoples inhibitions are lowered by an intake of alcohol, they consume ever more doses, appeared not to be taken into consideration, by those in State governments who passed the laws allowing this increase in health problems to occur.

The other factor that must be considered is the direct connection between the increase in hours alcohol can be consumed and the increase in the use of super stimulants such as speed, and what is called ice.

Oh for the days when the pub shut at ten and people scored a bit of pot picked up a bit more booze and went back to some friends to eventually harmlessly go to sleep as the night wore on, but eh we mustn't romanticise too much about this great and peaceful era of Australian social history.

The fact that this massive increase in the amount of time alcohol can be consumed, has brought with it a massive rise in health costs, as well as an increased in the amount of corruption between governments and those who gain profit from the goings on at licensed premises.

The fact that there is a direct line of influence on the increase in drinking hours, the increase in health costs, the increase in the amount of violence caused by drug and alcohol use, the increase of risk to security guards, nurses and doctors who bear the brunt of the violent attitude of celebratory males, the increase in immoral behaviour the increase in the price of real estate, as that is the driving modus for the ever increasing requirement for more cash flow from the members of the brotherhood or family, which ever the case may be, these then lobby the government to allow ever more increase in alcohol consumption so the cycle gets forever wider?

I ask, is the cost of alcohol to the aboriginal population not far less in proportion to the white population if we take into consideration the whole of the picture?

How many women in Australia feel sick and tired of being threatened by drunken male behaviour? How many young women are having their lives ruined by unwanted sex bringing on unwanted pregnancies or getting foetuses deforming diseases because the amount of time that they can consume alcohol is so vast that they become so incoherent they cannot say anything never mind no?

The amount of ice taken is a direct result of testosterone driven males trying to keep up with the national symbol, being able to hold ones alcohol greater than your mate to prove your man hood. My father told me, "to be a man one learned to say no".

They say, there are ever-increasing problems related to the financing of hospital and health services including mental health, and yet they allow the very things that will cause an exponential increase in the use and abuse of these social services.

Ethical behaviour in health care would begin at a primary level and all governments becoming leaders instead of populist's followers of fashionable ideas, and start by pegging back the amount of hours, places can sell alcohol

The second most important thing to do would be to put a limit on the amount of alcohol any one can consume at any time.

That is to say, one purchases an amount of drinks before one begins drinking that is limited to what health clinicians say, [I would put that at five maximum when in public places] is at least some way towards being responsible to our limited health budgets, given that the priority of hospitals ought to be towards those that actually look after their health.

It is general ethics and personal responsibility that we need to re-establish into the fabric of Australian society in regards to alcohol and health in general.

It is recommended that the government may introduce some incentive into health policy agenda, so that people make their own health the priority of their own, as governments reward those who have not got illness through smoking drinking and getting too fat through gluttony by giving them priority at arrival in hospital or at least some monetary reward if that is what it takes.

Although: one could be seen, as being against the interest of some in the governments of this nation by actually encouraging the reduction in those activities that increase the over all national health quota.

We need to turn back the clock, and get everyone to grow up a tad and that includes state governments, so that they view the factor of health as part of the fact of the actual productivity measurement. That is the foundation of the over all capital improvements into the future is how healthy the nation is not how well it can party.



One would think, the way it has become; that state governments only growth industry is the ill health and pill industry, the crime industry and the growth in prostitution as rents skyrocket to pay for the expectations of those involved with the extensions of drinking hours.

It is heard quite often that this is a Christian society, as a Yorkshire Australian Taoist, this appraisal of Australia always confounds me. Or is it that to be naughty is to sin and is the thrill that certain types of Christians seek.

I do not know, but what I do understand is that the State Governments have become far too addicted to the pokies gambling and drinking, the body of their politics has been made unhealthy and lazy because of these unhealthy habits.

Australia requires leadership, when will it get any that is the question?

If we abolish state governments, because we can, using the constitution, as some of them can have a case against them for acting in the interest that are against the national interests, then we reduce the requirement of monies to support these antique models of Australian federation that exist by unethical practices allowed by laws they have made.

Then we can reduce the need for taxes, so therefore we can reduce drinking and gambling because less people will be able to get at those ministers in federal parliament one would hope.

Preaching to people about drinking will not help. As this is a national health issue, that is becoming alarming in its proportions, then it stands to reason governments must act in a logical and positive, as well as morally ethical manner. If they cannot they should be abolished.

So a new age shall begin for Aussie Australians let it be that they learn this:

"Be a real man, say no to the next shout" the fee for the use of that is negotiable.

All ideas and thoughts in this are the IP of: Cost Positive Economics

Kind regards


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