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OPEN LETTER TO SYDNEY LORD MAYOR

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Dear Lord Mayor

Your comment in yesterday's press release relating to restrictions on trading hours says that you are worried about the violence moving into the suburbs. I would like to remind you that it already has.

The 2011 postcode is a residential area comprised of a number of suburbs, and home to some 18,000 people. If there are more problems arising from the newly proposed measures - it clearly points to the need to further limit people's access to alcohol. It would indicate that there is an oversupply of outlets and a lack of ability in the population to self-regulate their intake.

Your night time economy which has focused on the distribution of alcohol through a proliferation of pubs, clubs, bars and supposed restaurants has come at a high price.

Let's change the mix and give people something else to do other than drink themselves into a state where they harm themselves and others.

Regards
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