



Comments on the draft Liquor Licensing (Liquor Review) Amendment Bill 2016

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About the Sammy D Foundation

The On Sunday 4 May 2008, 17 year old Sam Davis' life was tragically cut short when he fell victim to a violent and unprovoked one-punch assault. A fiercely loyal young man with an ability to make friends, Sam made a huge impact on many, evidenced by the attendance of 1700 people at his funeral. From an early age Sam defended those being bullied, carrying this on through the rest of his life.

On 19 June 2008, following the devastating loss of Sam, his parents, Nat Cook and Neil Davis, founded the Sammy D Foundation with the ultimate aim of providing the necessary skills to young people to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

The Foundation has three core focus areas:

- delivering Impact presentations and workshops to young people about the consequences of violence, as well as understanding the need to make safe choices when in private and public spaces
- delivering Party Wise presentations and workshops providing strategies on keeping celebrations safe, full of happy memories and not tragedy
- the Connect Program which mentors vulnerable, disadvantaged, disengaged and socially excluded young people by highly trained and motivated role models.

Eight years on and the Sammy D Foundation has spread Sam's message across hundreds of South Australian schools, community groups, and sporting clubs, raising awareness and educating over 70,000 young people, offering advice and support to equip them with the knowledge needed to keep safe whilst still enjoying their life journey.

Our Response to the Proposed Changes

As an organisation that has at its core, the aim to keep young people safe from alcohol fuelled violence, the Sammy D Foundation strongly supports the efforts being made to strengthen the Liquor Licensing Act 1997, to deter the supply of liquor to minors, and the consumption of liquor by minors, in residential premises and public places.

Secondary supply of liquor presents serious health risks to young people, especially if it is coupled with inadequate or no adult supervision.

Repeal of Sections 114 and 117 and inclusion of new section 110A

The Foundation has long supported the idea that minors should not be supplied with, or able to consume, liquor in private residences or public areas, without parental/ guardianship consent.

As such the Foundation strongly supports:

- the repeal of sections 114 and 117; and
- the inclusion of new section 110A – Supply of liquor to minors other than on licensed premises.

The Foundation recognises that penalties alone will not prevent minors from consuming alcohol in private residences or in public areas, or preventing adults supplying liquor to, and allowing the consumption of liquor by, minors who are not their children; however they may act as a deterrent and therefore should be supported.

Responsible Supervision

The decision by some States and Territories to solely focus on parental/guardianship consent in relation to minors, does not adequately address the issue of secondary supply. The Foundation supports the inclusion of matters relevant to the responsible supervision of the minor including:

- whether the responsible adult or authorised adult is directly supervising the minor's consumption of the liquor
- whether the responsible adult or authorised adult is intoxicated
- whether the minor is intoxicated
- the age of the minor
- the quantity and type of liquor supplied and the period over which it is supplied.

Monetary Penalties

Given our Foundation's extensive work with at risk young people, we are well aware of the long term psychological damage that can be experienced by young people following their removal from their parents. As such a monetary penalty for the supply of liquor to a minor, in place of a term of imprisonment, is supported.