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Liquor reforms working

The nanny state is a wonderfully pejorative term that seems to incense and incite those who want to live in an alcoholic state ("Newtown vibe worth protecting", August 5). Their right to drink to excess, or to provide liquor in vast quantities to others, is demanded at huge expense to taxpayers and to those in the community who are negatively impacted by their alcohol-fuelled violence and lack of concern for others.

Before the introduction of the liquor reforms, anyone walking through Kings Cross at night was at risk of being assaulted. They could also see people intoxicated in the extreme, lying in the street, vomiting, shouting abuse and fighting. The sight was offensive and disturbing.

Newtown residents have had a taste of this alcohol-fuelled street culture and don't like it. Newcastle is thriving since liquor reforms have been in place. Residents of Kings Cross want to continue to enjoy the changes that are occurring as a result of the liquor reforms. New and diverse types of businesses are opening, so new jobs are being created, and people have more options as to how they spend their dollar; the village culture can once again flourish.

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