

Local Alcohol Policies

How do we turn the evidence
into practical recommendations?

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Process

- Number of teleconferences with researchers
- Review of the literature
- Working through how to turn the evidence into practical advice

Restricting availability

Babor et al, 2010 (p.145)

“Studies of restrictions of alcohol availability support the conclusion that such strategies can contribute to the reduction of alcohol problems. The best available evidence comes from studies of changes in retail availability...”

and

“ These studies consistently show that restrictions on availability are associated with reductions in both alcohol use and alcohol-related problems”.

Trading hours

Babor et al 2010, (p.136)

“In sum, there is strong and reasonably consistent evidence from a number of countries that changes to hours or days of trade have significant impacts on the volume of alcohol consumed and on the rates of alcohol-related problems”.

Trading hours

AHW recommendations:

- Off-licences: 10am-10 pm for all off-licence premises – no exemptions
- On-licences: 10am-2am for all on-licence premises – no exemptions

(Should these hours not be achieved, conditions must apply to all late night traders including one-way doors, risk management plans, full cost-recovery for associated costs).

- Should there be variations between CBD/suburban/rural?

Location

LAP location content:

- a) Location of licensed premises by reference to broad areas
- b) Location of licensed premises by reference to proximity to premises of a particular kind(s)
- c) Location of licensed premises by reference to proximity to facilities of a particular kind(s)

Location

- Evidence is not as clear on the specific location aspects (e.g. Proximity distances)
- But it is clear on related issues such as density, harm caused by off-licence premises and affects of advertising on youth drinking.

Location

AHW recommended options:

- 1) 'Entertainment precincts' be specified in each Local Board area. These areas would allow for greater concentrations – up to a specified maximum – of licensed outlets.
- 2) Off- licences not to be situated within 50m of each other in entertainment precincts and not within 500m of each other in suburban areas.

Location

AHW recommended options cont':

- 3) (a) Sites considered sensitive to be listed in LAP (e.g. Early childhood centres, churches, schools, youth facilities, marae, parks, A&D treatment centres).
- (b) Buffer zones could be specified around these sites to exclude/limit/put restrictions on licensed premises (e.g. Between 100-300m).
- (c) Within 200m of a proposed licence application/renewal all sensitive sites would be notified and essentially have the right to veto applications or provide recommendations to the DLC which must be taken into account.

Number of alcohol outlets

Babor et al, 2010 (p. 131)

“Restricting the number of places where alcohol can be sold has been widely used to reduce alcohol-related problems by limiting consumption”

Number of alcohol outlets

AHW recommended options:

- A cap on the number of liquor outlets for the whole city geographic area, and would apply to both on and off-licensed outlets.
- Ability to vary by geographic area (i) cap the number of premises by type (ii) apply a sinking lid to reduce the current supply by licence type or (iii) no further restrictions/default restrictions

Discretionary conditions

Ideas –

- Trading hour variation e.g. Near sensitive sites or for different precincts
- Visual impact of off-licence premises
- Special licences

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One-way door restrictions

- Babor et al. (2010)
- No evidence of effectiveness to date
- Mixed evidence in the other literature
- Strong anecdotal evidence of effectiveness

One-way door restrictions

AHW recommendation:

- One-way door restrictions to apply to all on-licences from 12am (or for 2 hours before closing time)

Workshop 1 – Session 1

What will a good Local Alcohol
Policy look like?

Workshop 1 – Session 2

Peer review session

Workshop 1

Feedback

Hours – highlighted opening hours of off-licences – need evidence around what the harm is and who is buying between certain hours (e.g. The difference between 9am and 10am)

Focus more on closing hours than opening hours – more evidence of the harm related to closing hours

Special treatment – other businesses that don't have a 12 hours sales day – why different from other businesses?

On-licences – migration issues – hours to be consistent throughout the region

Keen to have 2am closing – one way door from 12am

Discussion around research around hours to support our work but these aren't always applied – how can we promote this positively to political parties?

Workshop 1

Feedback

Location – what do we mean by sensitive sites? A&D services, schools/ECEs, hospitals/medical centres, building of new prisons, transport hubs, youth centres, playgrounds, churches

Risk assessment system for sensitive sites?? Look at the balance between these sites and things like amenity

Who decides?? Needs to be enough flexibility to balance amenity v safety

Entertainment precincts?? What would these look like? Urban hub – issues with intensification and dense clustering of residential areas – how will this be managed??

Rating of sensitive sites – criteria for e.g. If an area has more than two sensitive sites then certain criteria would apply

Workshop 1

Feedback

Number – want cap set on on-licence
type – Dec 19th number on licences
would provide the cap

Sinking lid on off-licences

Workshop 1

Feedback

Discretionary conditions/one-way doors

- one-way doors need to be consistently applied
- Needs to apply in CBD after closing of suburban bars
- Publicity of hours
- Possible one way door at 2am, rather than 12am – if too early could be more problematic (e.g. More people outside licenced premises)
- Support around trading hours variation for off-licences near sensitive sites such as schools
e.g. Advertising of off-licences – think probably can put conditions on this through the Act
e.g. Object of Act
- Percentage of window advertising to be clear and in some cases zero advertising
- Consider potential issues with one-way doors
- Police – have we created this culture of late night drinking though and is this an opportunity to change this??

Workshop 1

Feedback

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One-way doors – supportive, 2 hours before closing time, city and suburbs different (an hour apart) e.g. City 12 and suburbs 1??

Number – cap good but want to close some problematic venues down before cap applied. Come up with a 'safe number per head of population' . Youth need to be part of the equation.

Location – sensitive sites to include resthomes, urupa.

Trading hours – agree with AHW recommendations. Discussion about difference between suburban and cbd. An hour difference.

Workshop 2 – Session 1

Working through the issues

Workshop 2 – Session 2

Moving forward – What do you need to engage and mobilise your communities?

Workshop 2

Feedback

Notes

LAP Crowd Forum Survey

Q1. What opening time is optimal for off-licences?

67 Voted

- 7am – 0%
- 8am – 1%
- 9am – 13%
- 10am or more – 86%

LAP Crowd Forum Survey

Q2. What distance should liquor outlets be open from sensitive sites?

35 Voted

- 100m or less – 0%
- 300m – 9%
- 500m or more – 91%

LAP Crowd Forum Survey

Q3. What closing time is optimal for on licences?

38 Voted

- 1am – 53%
- 2am – 26%
- 3am – 13%
- 4am plus – 8%

LAP Crowd Forum Survey

Q4. Do you think a one way door policy is useful?

71 Voted

- Yes – 58%
- No - 13%
- Unsure – 29%