



Submission cover sheet

Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025

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Dear Committee,

My name is Kym Valentine. I write to you as a victim survivor of family, domestic and sexual violence (DFSV) and as an advocate for the voice of lived experience.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the *Inquiry into the Liquor Amendment Bill 2025*.

I am an Actor, Survivor Advocate, and Lived Experience Advisor at the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education.

I am writing to you to request the opportunity to speak as an advocate with lived experience at the Committee hearing to be held on December 5, 2025. I work with a range of people with lived experience, and I request that some of these people attend the hearing with me to also present their experiences in person – a lived experience panel.

In my advocacy, I represent the voice of lived experience and highlight the ways alcohol intensifies family violence. In particular, I amplify the voice and perspective of children and young people who don't have a voice and don't have a choice when it comes to alcohol harm in their home.

As a Survivor Advocate, I have heard so many stories of harm. While everyone's story is unique, there are commonalities, including alcohol.

Alcohol intensifies and exacerbates domestic, family, and sexual violence. Through rapid delivery, alcohol can flow freely into our homes, in as little as 20 minutes, requiring just a few taps on a phone. This can intensify violent outbursts in already abusive homes.

The changes to alcohol delivery laws proposed in this Bill are evidence-based and have been called for by Survivor Advocates, including myself, for many years.

Amending delivery times to 10am – 10pm and introducing a 2-hour safety pause will reduce harm to women and children who are not safe in their homes tonight.

It is vital that the ACT Government adopts the proposed measures in full. But it must go further, to amend the ACT Liquor Act to make harm reduction (including gendered violence) the paramount objective.

The evidence is clear. These measures have been recommended by experts including the Federal Government's Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches to DFSV and the South Australian Royal Commission into DFSV.

For victim survivors, the role of alcohol delivery in exacerbating violence is unequivocal. Our real-life experiences cannot be ignored, suppressed or denied.

The ACT Government must put the community first and hear the voices of victim survivors, not an industry with vested interests in their own bottom line.

I can be contacted by the Committee about the logistics of a lived experience panel to present to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Kym Valentine

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