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## We will keep Canberra open

The Canberra Liberals support a vibrant Canberra night life as well as effective enforcement of liquor licensing laws and other measures to reduce incidents of violence or bad behaviour.

In his white paper 'Building on Liquor Reform' Andrew Barr has unfortunately proposed a number of measures that would not support the aim of improved safety but would instead hurt Canberra's thriving night life and local clubs and businesses.

### We do not support these Barr Government proposals:

- **Increased fees for late night venues (Proposal 1)** – this is 'lock outs' by stealth and will result in the closure of outlets and the concentration of people into the one or two remaining venues.
- **Extra powers for the commissioner (Proposal 7)** – we believe these proposals go too far and are simply unnecessary.
- **Increased fees for traders (Proposal 20)** – this will not prevent abuse of alcohol but will be a jobs killer and an impost on the cost of living.

### What the Canberra Liberals support:

- **Other Measures in the white paper** – we will support other measures in the government white paper that enhance safety.
- **Coward's punch legislation** - we will deter criminal behaviour and punish the actual person doing the crime with 'Coward Punch' laws.
- **Greater police numbers in Civic** - we will increase the police presence in Civic and restore the full \$15 million Andrew Barr cut from ACT Policing.
- **Better public transport** - we will provide better public transport options that are more frequent and operate later at night.

The Canberra Liberals will improve safety for all Canberrans who want to enjoy our late night venues and will do so while supporting local clubs and businesses. We will not hike up fees unnecessarily but will instead support better enforcement measures and work cooperatively with police, venues and the public to keep Canberra open and keep Canberra safe.

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