

# Submission on proposed amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw

Submission on behalf of the  
Wilton Residents' Association

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# Our submission

- We do **not** support the proposed amendment to extend the liquor control bylaw to the whole city 24/7
- Any extension should be limited to the problem areas
- It may be reasonable to extend the ban to additional areas such as Wilton to apply during the night only

# Proposed bylaw is draconian when compared with the problem

- People drinking irresponsibly in public places (e.g. at bus stops) in Wilton tend to be a nuisance rather than a serious problem. This is caused by just a few individuals.

# Picnics

- The bylaw would be a problem for people wanting a drink with a picnic
- The police would probably act reasonably – but there would be an element of uncertainty
- The police could be accused of bias if they confiscate one group's beer and leave another group's wine alone

# Street parties

- Getting the permit is just one more bit of bureaucracy
- Quickly organised and spontaneous street parties wouldn't be possible

# Bad law?

- A law that is applied only occasionally is probably a bad law

# Compromise

- Most of the problems seem to occur at night
- Most picnics and street parties occur during the day
- So make the extension apply at night only