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"The Law Commission's Liquor Review: An Address to the Pan Liquor Industry Symposium"



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An address to the Pan Liquor Industry Symposium, delivered on 24 February 2009. The address introduces the Law Commission's review of the law concerning the sale and supply of liquor in New Zealand, outlining its general principles, methods and time frame. It provides a preliminary overview of

the issues with which the review is concerned, including the prevalence of hazardous drinking, the relationship between alcohol and criminal offending, and other social harms.

"The Law Commission's Liquor Review: An Address to New Zealand Police"

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An address to New Zealand Police's "Alcohol related harm" breakfast, delivered on 24 April 2009. The address introduces the Law Commission's review of the law relating to the sale and supply of liquor in New Zealand. It outlines the Commission's two central concerns: first, the contribution that excessive alcohol makes to the problem of law and order in New Zealand; and second, the serious health and social consequences of alcohol consumption. It discusses recent research into the social cost of alcohol and drug abuse, and suggests some directions for policy.

"Alcohol, Health and the Law Commission's Liquor Review"

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An address to the Alcohol Advisory Council's "Working Together" conference, delivered on 15 May 2009. The address focuses on the health and injury-related consequences of alcohol consumption, from foetal alcohol disorders to chronic diseases. It argues that the risks associated with alcohol are not just confined to binge-drinkers, but are in fact universal. It also highlights the significant burden placed on government expenditure and health services by hazardous alcohol consumption.

"The Law Commission's Liquor Review: An Address to Local Government New Zealand"

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An address to the 2009 Local Government New Zealand Conference. The address reviews the nature of the alcohol industry as of 2009. It provides an overview of statistics related to New Zealanders' drinking habits, including the relationships between alcohol, crime, antisocial behaviour and adverse health outcomes.

"The Law Commission's Liquor Review: An Address to the Hospitality Association"

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An address to the Hospitality Association's annual conference, delivered on 30 September 2009. The address canvasses some of the issues identified in the Law Commission's issues paper, *Alcohol in our Lives*, including "pre-loading", alcohol sale promotions, and the drinking age. It discusses the polarisation between those advocating for greater personal responsibility and those advocating for increased industry responsibility, arguing that a balance must be struck between the two. It suggests that the Law Commission's challenge is to devise an integrated package based on a model of shared responsibility.

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Alumni include Sir Robin Cooke (1926-2006), one of the leading judges of the British Commonwealth. As Baron Cooke of Thorndon, he sat on over 100 appeals to the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords, one of very few Commonwealth judges ever appointed to do so.

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