INQUIRY INTO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES (LIBERALISATION) BILL 2024

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Supportive of measures like this to bring back freedom to NSW. The bill should go further and also permit the consumption of alcohol on streets as well. Prohibition of alcohol consumption in public spaces is a racist and elitist tool used to move on vulnerable members of society including those that experiencing homelessness, those with inadequate housing situations (dark and cold living areas, no outdoor space), people experiencing domestic violence, and other members of community that don't match the 'look and feel' of certain areas. Tourists from abroad find our prohibition amusing. It's an embarrassing rule to inform them of. Common sense would let adults decide where they can drink, and those that act in an anti-social fashion can be dealt with under other laws that protect the community. Liberations like this will go a long way to instilling a sense of freedom again in NSW and add to vibrancy of our parks, beaches and other iconic public spaces.