

FOR
**SAFER
ROADS**

FOR
**HAPPIER
HOMES**

FOR
**QUIET
SUNDAY
ENJOYMENT**



... KEEP HOTELS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

Here are some reasons why,

in the best interests of the community, we make this urgent plea to you to reject the proposal to extend liquor trading hours on Sunday in New South Wales:

- **SAVING LIVES ON THE ROADS**, where liquor is a proven killer, is more important than correcting any so-called anomaly between club and hotel trading.
- **PRESERVING FAMILY LIFE ON SUNDAY**, unspoiled by liquor, is a much higher priority than extending the freedom to drink.
- **STOPPING THE SPREAD OF ALCOHOLISM** is a greater need than providing more leisure time drinking facilities. A survey published in the Medical Journal of Australia lists chronic alcoholism as the fourth major public health problem in Australia exceeded only by heart disease, mental disorders and cancer.
- **CONTINUING SUNDAY AS A WORK-FREE DAY** for as many people as possible, such as hotel employees, is a finer purpose than increasing the profits of the hotels and breweries.
- **MAINTAINING SUNDAY AS A DAY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND FOR TRUE LEISURE** is of far greater significance than aping overseas societies.

POINTS TO PONDER

There is no spontaneous public demand in New South Wales for Sunday

hotel trading. The most recent Gallup Poll registered a 67% majority against Sunday trading. Of the women questioned 77% were against it.

It does not make sense to bring in the breathalyser to curb the dangerous, drinking driver (as the Government did last year) and now to increase facilities for alcohol consumption.

The Royal Commissioner, Sir Philip Phillips, who investigated the Victorian liquor laws in 1964-65 and who recommended extended hours, opposed Sunday hotel trading. He declared: "I cannot bring myself

to recommend a step which would endanger innocent people and, above

all, family groups in the legitimate use of the highways on Sundays."

The N.S.W. Minister of Justice, Mr. J. C. Maddison, who has been the main Government advocate for Sunday hotel trading in New South Wales, originally planned legislation to introduce Sunday hotel trading in country areas as an "experiment." But the Government parties, impressed by protests that such a sweeping change should not be made without a mandate, decided in May to hold a referendum. That gives the vital opportunity for an emphatic vote to be given against this move to extend drinking facilities.

ON REFERENDUM DAY VOTE NO KEEP HOTELS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT SUNDAY HOTEL TRADING

"The Sun" in an editorial on 24th March, 1969:

"We oppose extended hotel trading for no other reason that it must mean more drunken drivers on the roads and, inevitably, more accidents, more deaths, more maimings. Already Australia has the worst road slaughter in the world, with alcohol a major contributory factor. Keeping hotels closed won't make Sunday any more sacred. But it will make Sunday just that much safer on the roads."

The Salvation Army on 2nd May, 1969:

"Salvation Army Officers, gathered in conference in Sydney, representing Salvationists in all parts of N.S.W., register strong objection to legislation said to be under consideration by the State Government which will extend facilities for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor."

In a letter to a Sydney newspaper late last year a woman wrote, "If the pubs open on Sundays, my husband will spend even less time at home. At present, Sunday is the only day the children see much of their father."

The Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop Loane, said:

"There are already facilities on the widest scale for those who wish to purchase liquor before Sunday and I cannot see that one good purpose will be served by an extension of hotel trading in the country. It is well known that thousands of people use the roads on Sunday, no matter how infrequently they drive during the week. Hotel trading will take away with one hand any benefits which the breathalyser test may hold out with the other hand. The road toll during the Easter and Anzac weekends should compel every citizen to demand more, and not less, rigid control of road hazards."

"The Catholic Weekly" on 16th May, 1969:

"The Catholic Weekly sees no good reason at the present time why the law

of the State of N.S.W. governing hotel trading on Sundays should be altered. There is ample opportunity for those people desiring to drink socially on Sunday to obtain supplies from hotel bottle departments up to 10 p.m. on Saturdays. It is acknowledged by all authorities that drink is a major cause of the appalling road toll in this State. The provision of further facilities for drinking away from home on Sunday can only serve to aggravate this alarming social problem. In addition to the bottled supplies already mentioned as being available on Saturdays, we point out that there are 1,463 country clubs trading on Sundays in this State as well as 1,400 country hotels catering for travellers—ample facilities, we suggest, for those who require them."

The Rev. Alan Walker:

"Australia, far from copying England, France or America, should be avoiding their mistakes. It is strange that, while State governments talk of increasing liquor trading hours and multiplying selling outlets, the French Government is limiting both to overcome child drunkenness and reduce the number of French alcoholics, now numbering 1,000,000 men and women."

A schoolgirl writing in October, 1968:

"Any man who cannot stay home with his family on Sunday, but has to go to the hotel instead, is not worthy of his family. Are not six days and nights a week enough?"

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