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**Submission to the Law and Order Select Committee  
on the  
Sale of Liquor (Youth Alcohol Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organization representing 40 Nationally Organized Societies. It has 32 branches throughout the country attended by representatives of those societies and some 150 other societies. The Councils function is to work for the well-being of women, the family and the community at local, national and international levels through research, study, discussion and action.

NCWNZ has had great concern about the use of alcohol since our establishment in 1896. In 1898 a resolution was passed, that is still appropriate today. It read:

‘That the Council (NCWNZ) urge upon the Government the necessity for better legislation in regard to the enforcement of the Liquor Laws.’

The NCWNZ Conference in 2000 ratified a resolution supporting the lowering of the drinking age to 18. This was passed because of the promises made that the legislation would bring with it tighter regulations to ensure that anyone under 18 year would not be supplied with alcohol. As with the 1898 resolution we would again urge that there be much stricter enforcement of the Liquor Laws.

Although NCWNZ conference supported the lowering of the drinking age our members are looking again at the wisdom of this decision. While discussing this Bill the Dunedin Branch took a vote on whether the age should be raised again to 20, and of the 33 present 24 voted for this. Likewise the Hutt Valley Branch has completed a paper on the effects of alcohol on the young and they are very keen to see the age lifted to 20 years.

**Section 3 Object of The Act**

Our members agree with this section that the words ‘over the sale and supply of liquor’ be amended to ‘over the sale, supply and broadcasting promotion of liquor’.

**Section 9 Permitting Minors to be in Restricted Areas or Supervised Areas**

Part (2AAA) For the purposes of this section, all bottle stores off-licence premises are deemed to be restricted or supervised areas.

We are concerned at the number of privately owned, independent bottle stores opening up. The more outlets there are the greater the competition, the harder it is to make a profit, and therefore potentially there may be a greater temptation to sell liquor to anyone irrespective of age.





**Section 10**

New part 8A is inserted; **'RESTRICTION ON BROADCASTING LIQUOR ADVERTISING PROGRAMMES.**

We very strongly support this section.

184A, B, & C PART 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

The purpose of this Part is to reduce the purchase of liquor, particularly among young people, by imposing a restriction on broadcasting liquor advertising programmes.

We especially agree with the after 10pm broadcasting of advertising.

NCWNZ also supports the Broadcasting Standards Authority must have sole jurisdiction over all matters that may arise in relation to any liquor advertising programme.

Members of NCWNZ have concern over the increasing number of parents who supply large quantities of alcohol to their own children, under the false notion that if they keep open dialogue their young people will not get into any harm. We are concerned that these parents will keep supplying to under 20's if this bill is passed.

We are grateful for the opportunity to make this submission; however, we regret the limited time frame prevented full membership consultation.

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