

Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence

I do understand that domestic violence is a complicated issue however if you talk to any police officer, paramedic or doctor, any regional or indigenous victim of domestic violence and most other dv victims they will all tell you the same thing...alcohol is the number one factor contributing to DV.

Do we really need a Royal Commission costing huge amounts of money to state the obvious...do something about Australia's reliance on alcohol. Pub on every corner, bottle shops in supermarkets, alcohol served and promoted at sporting events, Esky full of grog at every BBQ, camping trip and party. The consumption of alcohol is normalized in most families in Australia from birth. A drink to celebrate, a drink to commiserate, a drink to numb the pain, a drink to socialize.

Few people in power want to admit it or address it because they drink too...even if it is in moderation, alcohol is defended at every turn.

I would love to see something positive come out of the Royal Commission, however apart from a massive talk fest and papers written nothing will change until the problem is tackled face on.

Yours sincerely

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