# 2016 New South Wales poll: Perspectives on alcohol

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## Summary

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) commissioned Galaxy Research to undertake polling of New South Wales (NSW) residents to gain an understanding of their perspectives on alcohol policies.

## Outcomes

Key findings:

* More than two-thirds (68%) of NSW residents support the continuation of the NSW Government’s measures to reduce alcohol-related violence (including a 3am last drinks and a 1.30am lockout in Sydney, and a 10pm close for bottle shops selling takeaway alcohol across the state).
* The majority of NSW residents believe Australia has a problem with alcohol (80%), and that more needs to be done to reduce the harm caused by alcohol (79%). These have both increased since 2015.
* The majority (73%) of NSW residents believe that alcohol-related problems in Australia will either remain the same or get worse over the next five to ten years.
* The majority of NSW residents do not believe that governments (54%), alcohol companies (70%) and pubs and clubs (61%) are doing enough to address alcohol misuse.
* NSW residents support a number of policies to reduce alcohol-related harms including introducing a closing time for pubs, clubs and bars of no later than 3am (80%) and not allowing alcohol to be sold in supermarkets (64%).
* Over half (60%) of NSW residents consider the city or centre of town to be unsafe on a Saturday night.

[view the report](https://www.fare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016-NSW-Poll-FINAL.pdf)

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