

# Polling Snapshot: Views of people in NSW on proposed measures to reduce family and domestic violence

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## Key findings

- Over eighty per cent of people in NSW believe that the government should prioritise the reduction of alcohol harms over alcohol industry profits when making changes to alcohol laws.
- Over two-thirds of people in NSW agree that alcohol delivery into homes should be limited to between 10am and 10pm to reduce family and domestic violence.
- Over two-thirds of people in NSW support a two-hour safety pause between ordering alcohol and having it delivered to the home to prevent family and domestic violence.

## Background

On 1 May 2024, following a meeting of the National Cabinet, the Prime Minister announced the Commonwealth would undertake an expert led rapid review of best practice, evidence-based approaches to prevent gender-based violence. The 'Rapid Review of Prevention Approaches to End Gender-Based Violence' recommendations included:

- Adopting clear primary objectives in state and territory liquor acts to prevent gender-based violence.
- Limiting alcohol sales, delivery timeframes and advertising, including advertising being restricted during sporting events.

## About the polling

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) commissioned Pure Profile to conduct polling to understand community attitudes toward alcohol law reforms aimed at reducing family and domestic violence linked to the online sale and rapid delivery of alcohol.

The polling was conducted online between 21 October and 3 November 2025. The sample comprised 1,225 people aged 18 years and over, residing in metropolitan and regional NSW. The sample is representative for age, gender and location.

# Findings

Over four fifths of respondents (82.9%) supported harm reduction as the most important consideration for the government when making rules and laws about alcohol when compared to supporting the growth of the alcohol industry (Table 1).

**Table 1. Preferred Government Priority in alcohol-legislation (N=1,225)**

|                                                                                                                                                                                  | N    | %     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| <b>What is most important to consider when government is making rules and laws about alcohol? Supporting the growth of the alcohol industry or reducing alcohol harm in NSW?</b> |      |       |
| Supporting growth of the alcohol industry                                                                                                                                        | 210  | 17.1% |
| Reducing alcohol harm                                                                                                                                                            | 1015 | 82.9% |

Over two thirds of respondents (71%; Table 2) support the introduction of time limits amending alcohol delivery to homes to between 10am and 10pm as a harm reduction measure. Less than one fifth of people in NSW (18.1%) were opposed to the measure.

**Table 2. Support for alcohol delivery time limits to reduce alcohol-related family and domestic violence (N=1,225)**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                        | N   | %     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| <b>Most domestic violence assaults occur between 9pm and 2am. Do you support alcohol delivery to homes being limited to between 10am and 10pm as a measure to reduce family and domestic violence?</b> |     |       |
| Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 870 | 71%   |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 222 | 18.1% |
| Unsure                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 133 | 10.9% |

Almost three quarters of respondents (72.2%; Table 3) support the introduction of a two-hour safety pause between online alcohol purchase and delivery into the home to prevent family and domestic violence incidents. Only 16.4% opposed.

**Table 3. Support for two-hour safety pause between online alcohol sale and delivery (N=1,225)**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | N   | %     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| <b>Links have been identified between the rapid delivery of alcohol to the home and increased incidents of domestic violence. Do you support a 2-hour pause between ordering alcohol online and having it delivered to the home?</b> |     |       |
| Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 884 | 72.2% |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 201 | 16.4% |
| Unsure                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 140 | 11.4% |

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