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PUBLIC DRY AREAS LAW -
WILL IT FIX THE PROBLEM OR CREATE ANOTHER ONE?

"If the aim of the Government's proposed dry areas' legislation is to remove problem drinkers from public view, then all it will do is push them out of sight."

Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling, says tenants already have enough problems with unwelcome visitors and the impact of their drinking behaviour.

"I can see it will simply move itinerant drinkers into private homes or public housing, or town camps."

"This will create a greater problem that endangers the family life of many people who do not want this problem foisted upon them."

"The effect of the new law will mean tenants will have to personally try to stop the alcohol abuse in their homes, ring the police at their own risk, and deal with complaints from neighbours."

"We have two measures just announced by the government - a moratorium on take-away licences and now the proposed introduction of dry areas in public places."

"Does the Minister really understand the impact of these changes?"

"Does he not realise that hard-core drinkers will simply move on to another place to obtain and drink their liquor?"

"Again, the government is trying to patch up a problem instead of addressing the cause which is irresponsible drinking."

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