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Grimley Wants Alcohol Delivery Drivers to have Modified RSA

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State leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party, Stuart Grimley MP will introduce amendments to the Liquor Control Reform Amendment Bill 2021 currently before Victorian Parliament that will require alcohol delivery drivers to have a modified Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course and to implement a Review into Online Same-Day Delivery 18 months after the Bill passes.

This comes as today there were [reports](#) that a man in Sydney died after alcohol delivery service Jimmy Brings delivered **three bottles of wine to his home almost every day** in the weeks before he died. Mr Grimley welcomed the news that the NSW alcohol regulator is now apparently investigating Jimmy Brings. The man apparently spent \$24,000 with Jimmy Brings on almost 300 orders in the three years before his death.

Mr Grimley said that alcohol companies have been profiting from vulnerable people throughout the pandemic with the data backing this up: the ABS reported that spending on alcohol home delivery skyrocketed in the pandemic, with an increase of 8.3% in 2020 compared to 2019, with household spending on alcohol growing by 14.7% in the year to December 2020.

The RSA course would likely be an online version of the current course, which is more focused on online delivery and looking for signs of intoxication, rather than pouring alcohol which is covered in the current RSA course.

The Review would look at online sales of alcohol, potential harms, and things like algorithms and advertising tactics by online alcohol delivery companies.

The Bill will completely overhaul the Liquor Control Reform Act, including:

- Establishing same-day delivery, including the ability to deliver to 'no one' after your first order
- Extend the licenses of cafes and restaurants for on-premises consumption from 11pm to 1am by right
- Plus changes to liquor licensing processes, advertising, a new definition for 'harm' and abolishing dry areas, among other things.

The Bill is likely to be debated during the 26-28 October sitting week.

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"The Bill before Victorian Parliament will not reduce harm; it will create harm. This is disappointing but I am seeking to make a few sensible improvements include an RSA course and a

A Ministerial Review after 18 months will look at how online alcohol deliveries are impacting Victorians, especially those who are vulnerable, have existing addition issues and family violence which we know is exacerbated by alcohol consumption.

This tragic death demonstrates that we need our delivery drivers to have an approved RSA course. The amendment I'll be introducing will mandate those delivering alcohol to have a modified version of the RSA course, which would focus on delivery of alcohol and its harms, rather than *pouring* drinks which is covered in the current course.

Yesterday I called for the debate of this bill to be delayed until an assessment of at-home alcohol delivery is undertaken. This tragic death only makes my call more urgent."

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