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SIR GEOFFREY PALMER QC, Victoria University of Wellington - Faculty of Law
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An address to the Auckland Rotary Club, delivered on 23 November 2009. The address provides an introduction to the Law Commission's issues paper, *Alcohol in our Lives*, and gives an overview of the lessons learnt from the Commission's consultation and submissions process.

"*Alcohol in Our Lives: Curbing the Harm – A Report back to the Ōtara Community*"

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 19/2022

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An address to the Ōtara community, delivered on 5 May 2010. The address provides an overview of the Law Commission's review of New Zealand's liquor laws. It discusses a range of issues identified during consultation with the Ōtara community, including the density of alcohol outlets in Manukau, as well as irresponsible alcohol advertising, promotion and sponsorship. It introduces a selection of the Law Commission's recommendations, as well as its proposed Alcohol Harm Reduction Act.

"*Alcohol in Our Lives: Curbing the Harm – An Address to the 2010 ALAC Conference*"

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 20/2022

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An address to the 2010 ALAC Conference, delivered on 6 May 2010. The address introduces the Law Commission's report, *Alcohol in Our Lives: Curbing the Harm*, and provides an overview of the reform process. It tackles criticisms that the Commission's recommendations represent a "nanny-state approach", arguing that the overall thrust of the report is to return much of the decision-making power to local communities. It also refutes the claim that the report punishes the "responsible majority" for the sins of a small minority, characterising hazardous alcohol consumption as a common phenomenon that is not confined to an aberrant minority.

"*Alcohol Policy in New Zealand: Unfinished Business*"

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 21/2022

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The opening address to the 5th Annual Conference of Alcohol Action New Zealand, delivered on 20 March 2014. The address provides a brief history of liquor law reform in New Zealand and an overview of the Law Commission's 2008–2010 inquiry. It summarises the lessons learnt from the Commission's consultation and submissions process, and outlines a number of the Commission's recommendations. Sir Geoffrey Palmer expresses his regret that the Government softened many of these recommendations when it came to enact the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, yielding to industry pressure. The address concludes that the need for reform of New Zealand's liquor laws remains.

"*Reflections upon Alcohol in Our Lives: 10 Years after the Law Commission Report*"

Victoria University of Wellington Legal Research Paper No. 22/2022

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A speech delivered to Alcohol Action New Zealand's annual meeting on 13 August 2019. The speech provides an overview of the Law Commission's 2008–2010 inquiry into New Zealand's laws concerning the sale and supply of alcohol, as well as the Government's response. It argues that the Government's Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 did not follow the Law Commission's recommendations in many important respects, and that it constitutes a substantially watered down and less effective version of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Act recommended by the Commission. The address makes the case for using deliberative democracy techniques to reform New Zealand's liquor laws once again.

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