

### NSW Political/Alcohol Industry Environment Chronology and Summary

1. Circa 1792 – NSW Rum Corps policing the convict settlement. Rum (alcohol) becomes the currency. Corrupt officers' purchase rum - corner the market.
2. [13/2/2007](#) – AHA boss - 'Who said democracy was cheap' – political fund raising
3. [25/4/2008](#) New AHA President threatens to turn off political donations tap if any change to donation laws
4. [21/8/2010](#) Former Health Minister and communications staffer join Australian Hotels Association (AHA) lobby group
5. [Dec 2010](#) Liberal party opposition receive \$460,000 donation from hotels just before such donations prohibited
6. 26/3/2011 **NSW Election** - Liberal party's Mr O'Farrell appointed NSW Premier
7. [30/8/2011](#) former Labor Alcohol Minister special guest of AHA alcohol lobby luxury break
8. [2011](#) NSW political donation laws prohibited donations from alcohol, gambling, tobacco and developer industries. Clubs NSW exempted. High Court upheld validity of laws in [October 2015](#). Gageler J 'compelling statutory object ... of preventing corruption and undue influence in the government of the state.'
9. [6/9/11](#) NSW Premier appoints hotels' representative to independent liquor tribunal inconsistent with government's own lobbyist policy. 'Illness' precludes acceptance of position
10. [18/12/11](#) former politician correlates substantial alcohol industry influence/donations with favourable policy outcomes in a ground breaking but apparently disregarded media report. Pressure on 3 strikes system and Newcastle's reduced trading hours
11. [2/3/13](#) Major hospital accuses Pub Association of denying magnitude alcohol violence
12. [21/5/13](#) NSW Premier's senior political advisor gains job with Woolworths - country's largest alcohol supplier and owner of poker machines as corporate affairs advisor. Company a major player in liquor promotion guidelines rewrite and 2015 changes to Act
13. [18/7/13](#) New Liquor promotion guidelines approved by alcohol industry released
14. [6/10/15](#) Mystery industry payment to former Labor Federal Minister
15. **28/3/15 NSW Election** - Liberal/National Party coalition returned to office
16. 19/11/15 *Fit for Purpose* Alcohol Bill gained assent. All amendments took effect by March 16
17. 2016 former head of Police corporate alcohol unit becomes consultant/advisor to alcohol industry in some alcohol tribunal matters
18. [Early 2016](#) ILGA Chairperson reportedly resigns – loss of independence- exit of other [senior](#) experienced staff
19. [23/5/16](#) exposure of Illegal NSW alcohol industry political donations laundered by transmission through federal political donation system
20. [22/9/16](#) NSW Electoral Commission withholds \$586,992 in illegal Liberal party funding
21. [30/9/16](#) Machine men: How AHA & Clubs NSW seek political influence
22. 1/10/16 Watered down 3 strikes disciplinary scheme takes effect
23. [21/11/16](#) Top pub owner allegedly provided secret government report on 3 strikes law review
24. [27 November 2017](#) Minister promises additional beneficial reforms for AHA. Note following passage was erased from original AHA bulletin and picture caption '*As the Minister, the New South Wales Government has made a number of reforms in relation to this industry. And I can*

*tell you this, we are not finished there. We have got a lot of other reforms that we are going to be announcing shortly that are going to be good for your industry'*

*Hyperlinks to media articles contained in above dates*