

## PhD Completion Seminar: Claire Wilkinson

Local approaches to issuing liquor licenses in Victoria:  
Contemporary policy issues in historical context

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Since the 1970s, increased alcohol availability and rates of alcohol-related harm in Victoria have resulted from neoliberal policies and market-oriented reforms. Local government planning and licensing decision-making has been regarded as a potential corrective, but there are a number of impediments to its use. Drawing on interviews with local government officials, document analysis and archival data, recent and historical approaches to limiting outlet density growth at a local level are evaluated. It is argued that the current regulatory framework does not provide adequate powers for local control of alcohol availability.

Claire Wilkinson is a PhD student at the Centre for Health Equity. She is interested in the history of alcohol licensing laws and the regulatory overlap between planning and licensing systems. She works at the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR), La Trobe University.

