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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a 10 year resident of Potts Point and President of the NSW branch of the Liberal Democratic Party, although the views I express here are my own.

The current dysfunctional situation regarding liquor licences in Sydney and NSW is a product of government incompetence and greed. First, they sell too many liquor licences in one area (Kings Cross). Then problems arise. Instead of buying back the liquor licences or cancelling them from those who abuse their privileges they attack all licence owners by having lock out laws.

This violates property rights, punishes the innocent and has put many hard working and legitimate business owners bankrupt or at the very least facing millions of dollars of losses. It has also destroyed the character of the area and made Sydney a laughing stock internationally, with more restrictive laws on enjoying oneself that "repressive" Singapore.

Those who misbehave should have their liquor licences cancelled. If the government thinks it has made a mistake in granting too many liquor licences in one area it should have the guts to buy them back and compensate people as it did with taxi licences.

If it has granted liquor licences with extended trading hours before it should allow those businesses to trade under the licences they were granted and they paid for.

This is a case study in government incompetence, collective responsibility run amok and stupidity. Singapore is now a more liberal and cosmopolitan city than Sydney, as well as having lower taxes and higher incomes.

How sad. All because of the stupidity and incompetence of the NSW government, where the Singapore government called us the "poor white trash of Asia". Mike Baird has proven them correct.

Regards

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