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Fwd: Submission to lockouts review

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To whom it may concern,

Please change the lock out laws and bring Newcastle into the modern era as a world-class city.

With the boom in new jobs and apartments taking place, and the revitalisation project, changes to the lock out laws are also required to ensure Newcastle reaches its potential as a truly buzzing city and great place to live.

Rather than blanket lock outs, small bars and venues that do not have violence problems should be allowed to continue trading until late with open doors. Shots could still be limited after a certain time, but people should be allowed to order an expensive whiskey no matter the time of night (without it having to be combined with a mixer).

Good night time public transport options also help so that people are not waiting around the streets when drunk, inviting the chance of an

incident.

Preventing violence and allowing responsible adults to enjoy a few drinks with friends after a certain time shouldn't need to be mutually exclusive. If Newcastle gets this right there are huge tangible benefits to be had.

Newcastle could become a richly cultural environment more in the vein of Melbourne, with a reputation that attracts visitors and young working professionals alike. Newcastle could become a highly attractive option for people to relocate to if the night life improved, particularly as the other benefits it offers are already great. In turn more businesses would open offices in Newcastle and the benefits would continue to compound.

Whatever the case, please don't use a one size fits all approach that crushes Newcastle's night time economy for the sake of reducing violence. There are ways to have both!

Kindest regards,
Carla

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