

here are my thoughts on the lockout laws:

- 1. They feel unusually constraining when you're out, even though I go out rarely I think it's treating adults like idiots which is fettering and uncomfortable.
- 2. I feel sad at the fact bars (e.g. the Lansdowne, Bar Central) are closing down, and wonder if the lockout laws are ruining some of the fun places young adults can go to socialise drink without spending the fiscal equivalent of the Greek deficit on one round of drinks.
- 3. I like the notion of preventing alcohol fuelled violence, but the assault stats were heading in a downward trend before the lockout laws so I'm fuzzy as to whether the laws are effective.

Bottom line - if the laws prevent serious, ubiqutious drunken violence, I'll cop the job losses and cultural concerns. If not, maybe these laws are just for publicity and the price tag is screwing up Sydney's nightlife.

Best wishes.