

# Lock out laws

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Hi

As a local resident of Pyrmont, I would like to have some input on the topic of the current Lock Out laws in place throughout Sydney.

I feel as though there has been an increase in crime and police attention in my local area, in particular at The Star Casino. All the lock out laws have done is shift the problem to new areas such as Pyrmont and Newtown to name a couple. The casino being a 24hr venue is now attracting crowds that would normally have not frequented the area, bringing with them the very same issues that were trying to be resolved in Kings Cross prior to these laws.

The licensee of a local hotel in Pyrmont who also owns another in Newtown, was recently considering administering it's very own Lock out laws as the problems from King Cross have moved to Newtown creating the same issues in that suburb. Increased violence and crime.

I do not believe the Lock Out laws are sustainable nor addressing any of the problems they sought to correct at the set out. Shifting the problems elsewhere is hardly a solution, it becomes somebody else's issue and a once safe community is plagued with new problems as a result. It's merely a governmental bandaid to appease the public so as to appear to be addressing the problems, however it is hardly the solution.

Thanks for your time, surely there is an alternate answer than the current mess we are in.

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