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liquor law review

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I write with regard to the liquor law review.

I feel very strongly about this issue as I feel it has had a huge impact on myself as a [REDACTED] resident, as well as negative influence on the vibrant nightlife of Sydney.

My main concerns:

- As a [REDACTED] resident, I regularly go out for dinner/drinks in Newtown/Enmore my local areas. Since the lock out law introduction I have seen a significant change in Newtown/Enmore nightlight. While I am happy that Newtown is exempt from the 1:30am lockout law, the flow on effect has had an extremely negative impact on the nightlife in Newtown. What used to be a casual easygoing, respectful, gay friendly area has become a wild, chaotic late night party suburb, where I no longer feel as safe walking home at night or enjoy spending my time after 11pm.
- While the concept behind the lockout law to make Sydney a safer place at night is certainly incredibly important, I believe there are better ways to improve safety, such as increased police presence, increased education, better transportation after hours to reduce the foot traffic etc. Locking people out is moving the problem and also increasing foot traffic at specific times at night. It doesn't solve alcohol related violence. People are just starting drinking earlier in the day or moving on to exempt suburbs.
- The vibrant Sydney nightlife that we were once famous for is nothing but a national and global joke. The enforced solutions do not address the problem or acknowledge that the vast majority of us can and do drink responsibly
- I suspect the changes will affect the economy in the long term given the amount of businesses closing down or individuals who have lost their jobs as a result
- I don't understand the relevance in banning liquor sales after 10pm, most people buying alcohol are responsibly consuming alcohol at home, or a restaurant. Often my husband and I would go out for a late dinner, have a bottle of wine & later grab a bottle to take home and consume in our own home. The biggest effect this ban has is not the target, but the small businesses who are losing business and income.