

Lockout laws

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Hi,

Just a quick note for submission to any review that may take place on the lockout laws.

I no longer live in Sydney but I do visit from time to time, and I've noticed a definite negative change in the city over the past few years - a distinct and progressive lack of vibrancy since the introduction of the lockout laws. It isn't only me who has noticed - I've also had friends visit from overseas and express their disappointment in Sydney, with the effects of the lockout laws being one contributing factor to this.

I think it's a shame that Sydney has turned into this over-regulated nanny-city, not only with the lockout laws but in many other areas as well. The fact that international visitors are noticing this, is not at all a good thing for tourism and our reputation around the world, which has already been negatively impacted by many other decisions made by our government in recent years (eg mandatory data retention, refugee issues, backward government stance on cannabis).

The lockout laws (which conveniently exempt the casino...) are just another in a series of disappointments from a government intent on treating its citizens like children, and destroying any remaining life and diversity present in our public spaces.

I hope these laws (and others) are repealed, or Australia is going to continue its decline into backward mediocrity when compared to many other more interesting and progressive countries around the world.

Thank you,

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