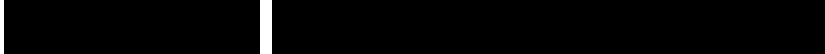


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Lock Out Law Review

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To: Liquor Law Review;

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To Whom it May Concern,

A quick email about the lock out laws. I am a 34 year old female from Sydney. I grew up and went to school and University in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney amongst the hustle and bustle. I have always loved Sydney's energy. I was in year 12 for the 2000 Olympics and I was lucky enough to leave school the year after when Sydney truly shone. I've always enjoyed a balanced life of study / work / and social life - my friends are the same. On the weekends we would go to a friend's house for drinks or a party then spontaneously decide what to do after - the options were endless. We'd go to a club with good music and dance for hours, maybe hop to the next and just enjoy life.

When I went backpacking in 2008 I was always proud to call Sydney my home to the people I met. But now I am a little embarrassed. It is still beautiful and always will be (hopefully). But it just doesn't have the edge that it used to. The buzz has gone.

Every big city I've been to has a side of it that is a little bit gritty / crazy / a tad dangerous etc. And in my opinion that is partly what makes it a city. This can't be stopped. The problem can only be shifted. People have to be held responsible. There will always be idiots. But the majority of people are good, and just want to have FUN and life LIFE! In all the times I have been to places like Kings Cross or Oxford Street - no matter what the time - 2am / 3am / back in the day sometimes 5am - nothing bad happened. But even if it did - it's a big city and that is LIFE! So I plead to you for the life of Sydney - please review this ridiculous law. I would never normally write in about anything political. But this is something I am truly passionate about. I don't want to see the city I grew up in and loved, have it's lights turned out. It's completely depressing. It doesn't matter that I am mostly past my partying days - I feel sorry for the 20 year olds out there not having the freedom of choice. And what if I went to a wedding or a 30th or 40th, and we all wanted to go out after?? Where on earth would we go?! (It's bad enough not being able to have the choice of buying a bottle of wine at 10pm vs other cities where alcohol can be bought in supermarkets).

Even worse, for a huge fan of live music - soon there may not be any venues left - not being able to survive with all these laws. I think if that did happen it might be time to leave the city I once loved.

Kind Regards,
Imogen.

(I would prefer to remain anonymous)



