



# Lockout laws

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In respect of the current lock out laws I am concerned by the following:

- anti-competitive nature to the current lockout laws
- discouragement of investment in the hospitality sector if knee jerk legislative responses to social problems continue
- international and national reputation damage. What amounts to a curfew certainly suggests we are not capable of governing our own city
- impact to amenity in strata residential development now that more people are returning home to have a few drinks post lockout and house parties becoming more prevalent

In respect of the 10pm blanket off premise ban I think it is absolutely ludicrous.

On a number of occasions I have finished dinner out with friends at 10.30 and we have been unable to purchase a bottle of wine to take home to finish the evening off.

One occasion, at a dinner in Surry Hills we set an alarm for 9.40 so we could pop out and buy a bottle of wine as we knew we would not be ready to go to bed straight after dinner. The bottle shop would not let us in at 9.50 because they had been fined by Licensing the week before for having a customer on the premises minutes after 10pm.

I often work late and I used to pick up a bottle of wine on my walk home at 10.30. Now I have to plan in advance if I'm going to want an afterwork drink.

I live [REDACTED] so that I have an urban lifestyle. These laws have changed the landscape and reduced amenity.

Personally I felt a lot safer walking the streets of Darlinghurst and Kings Cross at night when there were crowds of people about, venues open and security guards on every door.

Please look for solutions to the social problems and improve late night transport before killing the night time economy.

Regards

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