

Sydney's Lock Out Laws

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To whom it may concern,

Just thought I would throw my 2 cents worth into an email as this is a subject close to me and a law in place about 95% of people I know disagree with,

I am 30 years old and have been living in Sydney for 6 years. Being from Melbourne originally you can't help but always draw comparisons...

Over the years Sydney was getting more fun, the small bar licenses became more available and fantastic places started popping up everywhere! Sydney was starting to close the gap on Melbourne's famous culture!

Then, everything stopped in its tracks. Ever since these draconian laws were put in place, it has killed Sydney's reputation for nightlife. This is well known globally as a place to no longer bother going out in as a lot of venues are closing, no-one bothers going out anymore and we all feel like we have been treated like children who have been grounded.

Not only has that destroyed our reputation, but also everyone's need to have fun and socialise.

Now that there is around 80% less foot traffic in lockout areas, we should all just be at home past 1:30am?

Now having a drink at home is also cut short, as all bottle shops now shut before 10pm. If I go to the movies or a dinner, I might not be able to continue my night's drinks AT HOME.

This was the final nail in the coffin for me.

Anyways I am just one of hopefully 10000's who write in and explain how much we strongly disagree with the laws.

Thanks whoever reads this and I hope to god we can restore Sydney to its fun former self!

- James Ashbolt