

Dear sir/madam,

On the month of February 2014, The NSW Government implemented the new *Lockout Laws* in Sydney.

The NSW Government and supporters believe that the *Lockout Laws* will keep Sydney safe and decrease the violence in our city. I must say that I disagree with this measure that has been taken to ensure the safety of Sydney's people. What the NSW Government has done is to put all of Sydney's adults under a curfew, similar how a parent would treat a young teenager who has misbehaved. We now all have a 'bed-time' and I believe that the lack of freedom will cause more harm than good.

Apart from this, we are giving people fewer reasons to be social and at the same time killing a vibrant and well-known culture that is an important of adult life. Despite Sydney being one of the most beautiful cities in the world, the city will never be able to keep up with other comparable cities such as Paris, London, New York or even Melbourne as a result of these laws.

Lastly, the *Lockout Laws* have not only restricted us and killed our social lives but also killed businesses. Multiple nightlife venues have shut down around Kings Cross since the *Lockout Laws* was introduced with thousands of people losing their jobs and incomes.

Kindly stop treating the people of Sydney like children! Make Sydney one of the top cities to visit and enjoy both day and night again.

Yours faithfully,

Laila