

I am a dj/promoter and have been performing and putting on very successful events, peacefully in this city for the past 24 years now.

At my parties no one has ever been involved in ANY physical altercations nor has anyone died as I consider my duty of care as one of the major priorities whenever I put an event on, right down to bar staff making sure that they aren't shirking their responsibilities and allowing patrons to become so inebriated that they get violent - which seems to be a MAJORLY weak link in the chain in bar service these days.

I think what is happening now, especially in Sydney is because we now have a more violent society in general. But I fail to see how the rest of law abiding society deserves to be punished and have their civil liberties taken away from them because of the few who don't know how to behave in a manner befitting a social setting.

These laws have basically rendered my over two decades of industry experience in event management and productions totally useless and of course bankrupt a great many, solidly thriving businesses which were the very lifeblood for people such as I and my colleagues in the industry, even if for nothing else other than to be able to frequent as an adult who has the right to choose when and where they wish to go out to, at whichever time they chose.

I hope you can see how badly this is effecting us and the city as a whole and end this madness by repealing the lockout and last drinks legislation and really look further into more effective ways of policing anti social behaviour rather than laying a blanket punishment upon us all.

It really shouldn't be a case of being assumed as guilty.....and not even having any sort of recourse to even show that we are not at all deserving of this currently mantle!

Highest regards

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