

vehicles & pedestrian traffic only on Friday & Saturday nights...or perhaps all the time. Most cities in the modern world have such an area as their 'night time' district but not Sydney and now we no longer have a night time district...we don't have a community....we have a very sad, boring, soulless area that once breathed life & vibrancy. Folks can be in venues long before the scanners are hooked up & can stay as long as they like – what's to say they're not going to cause trouble? I can walk 2 blocks away to Darlinghurst & visit either the Darlo Bar or the Green Park Hotel & I'm not scanned. If we have to endure this banality then why doesn't anyone else?....why is the government treating those in this community as though they're criminals – this is discriminatory & heart breaking as folks are just not bothering to go out anymore...it's all too hard. The rest of Sydney doesn't have these scanners....rest of NSW or the country certainly doesn't. And, can someone please explain why the casinos are exempt from EVERYTHING? You can't tell me they never have alcohol related violence/trouble in these venues..they're just very good at covering it up. What about all the 'gambling's a problem, blah, blah,blah??' - obviously that's not a very serious agenda item. I've always felt very safe walking home late at night as there's always (until recently) been people around. Now....it's like a ghost town late at night – you don't even see a taxi sometimes. It's actually quite frightening which isn't anything believe it or not, that I've ever felt living around here. So many businesses (large & small) have just vanished & they've all walked away without a fight pretty much. NONE of them will reopen as entertainment venues/pubs/bars (How long as the Mansions been shut?...then Trademark.....Hugo's....Soho/Site....Sports Bar....Gold Fish, and so on & so on?) and now Mike Baird puts a one year ban on new licenses - hey, that oughta give the developers enough time to ruin it all and boy do we notice the alacrity & speed with which the developers move in & start construction on yet another hideous edifice to entertain more Chinese investors & folks who like a sanitised neighbourhood (i.e. – old Sports Bar/Crest Hotel building being presently redeveloped into apartments with penthouse selling for 11 MILLION DOLLARS on launch day....hence, my comment about ****the Coke sign NEVER coming back**). Open the bottle shops again as they were.....let adults decide if they want to drink at 10.00 or 11.00PM.....or later & don't scan them to give them the permission to do that. Bring back the liberty. Bring back the Cross. Those who don't like the area as before can stay away, but those who do should not be punished for the crimes of a few. This really has nothing to do with 2 lads getting king hit.....it's an agenda that's been ongoing for many years at the demise of my community. I don't give a shit who owns property & how they're just waiting on that D.A to go through to shut down/kick out whatever was there before & build yet more apartments. Are we seriously trying to make ourselves look like Moore Park or Green Square or something? Enough's enough – **sell kebabs/gelato/let bottle shops trade as they've always done in the modern age/stop scanning/stay open later than 3am/ let folks in past 1.30am/ let us drink out of 'glass' beer glasses for longer**. There are 2 venues which will let customers in past 1.30am but they won't serve alcohol – Yipee!! You can have a lemonade & lose a fortune on the pokies as there's no one in the actual venue to have a beer with as they're either all gone home because it's so dead or haven't even bothered to go out in the first place.....my community was never like this. Clover Moore, Mike Baird & whoever the hell else is behind this – Piss off!! Go pick on someone/some place else. Maybe St. Vincent's Hospital is reporting a downturn in violent assaults & of course that's a great thing – but are they still not happening? My guess is they are....& between Prince of Wales, Royal North Shore & Royal Prince Alfred (+ any other Hospitals around the inner west/eastern suburbs/CBD area) they're getting an influx of such victims (but of course no one would report those statistics, well, at least not until all the units have been sold off the plan anyway!!). I moved here because it was busy/diverse/fun/interesting/engaging/friendly/tolerant & now it's just ho-hum – big yawn!!

I think it's an absolute disgrace that in a society where domestic violence rates are atrocious - they just keep issuing the AVO's – that should do it! In Sydney, dozens of deaths occur per year because of "intimate partner homicides" - I guess if someone you know kills you it's not as bad as if a complete stranger does it - that's grounds to decimate an entire neighbourhood/community – WTF? There's 2 deaths across the space of 1 1/2 years – both perpetrators/victims are not from this area – it happened in Potts Point but of course it's bad news so let's blame it on Kings Cross & we get shut down – WHY? I notice each day what's going on around here. I see the extra cleaners/street sweepers....sometimes 6 or 7 of them to sweep up a leaf....got to get the neighbourhood all spic & span for the newbies! They're even redoing Kings Cross Train Station - that's a first (guess that will soon be renamed Potts Point Train Station??). I've never seen such an interest in the cleanliness of the streets and the whole sanitisation – it's quite comical actually – not to mention absurd. Everyone lived amid & amongst everyone else here for all the years I've called it home. Not a real lot of families but it's probably not the favoured family rearing neighbourhood. You

do have the 'city' kids & they're grand – have been raised here & it's their home through all the things that went on/go on – city kids are a different breed though. However, there's the rich/poor – gay/straight – downtrodden/uplifted – fortunate/unfortunate – fit/flabby – legal/illegal – EVERYTHING! It's a melting pot & that's what makes it so damn great. There's always something/someone to aspire to around here & something/someone to make you realise "there but for the grace.....". Please don't take that away & replace it with a shiny suburb...more speed humps/family friendly activities/ skinny lattes/ & yet more gyms – enough of that crap is in Sydney already.

The lock out laws (and all that go with them), are not effective – they destructive. They're destroyed choice/freedom/lifestyle – it's a free world (at least it used to be)...live & let live. The harm which has been done to the businesses & community, which once thrived here, may not ever be repealed but can we at least give it a shot?!! PLEASE.

Thank you for your time. My name is Tracey Barrett & I'm a long time local of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] & am (obviously!!) vehemently against the lock out laws/early closures/plastic 'glassware'/scanners/closing of bottle shops early/ & all things which lead us one step further to prohibition & being turned into a nanny state. (You should also read the article in the SMH of February 25th 2016 by Elizabeth Farrelly – page 20 "Comment". Summed up better than I've done here but she's a writer).