

Hello

My name is Doug Beatty and I have worked on and off in Sydney's hospitality sector for nearly a decade and now work in financial services.

Like many I believe the lockdown laws to be an ill-conceived response to the wider issue.

- i. First and foremost, preventing patrons from entering licensed venues after 1:30am would not have saved either of the one-punch victims who were both attacked before 10pm
 - I believe the venue lockdown time should be scrapped altogether as this will prevent patrons from spilling onto the streets at the same time and competing for limited transport options
 - Intoxicated persons are not permitted to enter licensed premises anyway – a lockdown time punishes those who are not intoxicated unnecessarily
- ii. A 10pm freeze on serving take-away alcohol is unnecessary and should be removed – it is illegal to serve alcohol to an intoxicated person and if this occurs it is up to licensing police to prosecute the vendor. The population at large should not be lumped in with the same category of people whose aim is to become as intoxicated as possible by excess consumption (which, by the way, will not be stopped by forcing bottle stores to close at 10pm)
- iii. The 3am last drinks is unnecessary – we already have laws preventing alcohol from being served to intoxicated patrons and venues in breach of this should be punished at the individual level. If patrons can no longer order drinks they will go home or consume more illicit drugs
- iv. Greater police presence/visibility in high traffic areas such as Kings Cross, Oxford St, the CBD, Bondi and Newtown is needed
- v. 24hr public transport should be implemented in the same fashion that Melbourne has. This will reduce the likelihood of violence as there will be less people milling on the streets
- vi. Greater collaboration/cooperation/communication between police and venues/security to help identify problem areas/individuals and tailor appropriate solutions
- vii. Finally, if for whatever reason, the lockdown laws are not removed or reversed far enough, both Barangaroo and The Star Casino should face the same laws as the rest of the city. It is the absolute height of hypocrisy for the government to exempt these zones from the laws for obvious reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

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