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As a former Perth resident i moved to sydney almost 20 years ago because i felt the need to surround myself with culture, creativity and constant inspiration - something that Sydney, as a big city, offered in abundance. I wanted to have the option to go out for a drink and late dinner on a rainy tuesday night in the middle of winter, to walk the streets and surround myself with people, albeit strangers, when i needed some distraction - all of which the empty streets of perth at that stage were unable to provide. Now, sadly enough, this is what sydney has become. For those of us who choose to live in and around the city, it seems grossly unfair to be dictated to by people who clearly have no connection with or understanding of urban or nightlife culture, which goes so far beyond the ability to get drunk and rowdy into the wee small hours. It's about meeting likeminded people, forging bonds, sharing ideas and inhabiting a world which, while foreign to most bureaucrats, is vitally important to the youth of today and anyone who loves the essence of city living. Essentially it's about freedom. Mike Baird has never offered one feasible explanation as to why the casinos are exempt from the lockout laws - i mean, of course we know why, but if he was really hellbent on shutting down Sydney at night, surely that would be the first place to start - hypocrisy at its most blatant, treating us like a bunch of idiots again. The government needs to do its job by finding solutions to the broader social problems that underpin alcohol-fuelled violence, not simply come back with knee jerk reactions which have succeeded in nothing positive and an enormous amount of social and financial punishment to people in no way responsible for this violence. If mike baird and his cronies had hoped for a bland, beige, average, uninspiring city landscape, then that's exactly what they've achieved - much like the generic apartments which will soon overtake kings cross thanks to the transparent corruption of a government with absolutely no imagination, taste, style or creativity and a blatant disregard for anyone who doesn't subscribe to its boring suburban mindset. And Malcolm Turnbull, you live in this city and should do anything within your power to help rectify the injustices of your fellow party members.

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