

I am against the Sydney Lockouts

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Dear Lawmakers and Reviewers,

Sydney lockouts is a terribly thought out piece of legislation and goes against Australian democracy. Coming back from a year of uni exchange from The Netherlands just after the laws were instated, i was shocked and completely dumbfounded that this was our governments solution to a long standing blueprint of aggressive behaviour in our young males. I am a person who fully disagrees and absolutely hates violence. I go out to have fun, meet new people, dance and be entertained - not to get hurt or see anyone else get hurt. The most profound realisation I had from my experience living in the Netherlands was our 'Man Culture'. By this I mean our overall aggression and idea that being big was a better status amongst society. I'm still trying to pin point why Australian men have this idea that being big and strong is superior, tackling and hitting people makes us appealing or show strength (Maybe its our sports?? Rugby etc, I don't know). The point is it is NOT because of alcohol or late nights! AUSTRALIA HAS AN AGGRESSION PROBLEM, we need to FIX this. This idea and way of thinking was just not imprinted in basically anyone I met in all of the day/night life of the 27 Countries I have visited including Europe, Asia and the Americas in the last 5 years.

Having a quick fix solution to a BIG problem is down right un-Australian and also seems to be very un-democratic. A government that is adding a curfew reminds me of the totalitarian ways of other past (pre-historic states) governments. Australia is a country that has always been one that moves forward, takes into account research, and view of their people, not one that looks back! Why don't we look at the aggression problem head on, find the cause and implement long term fixes. Instead of finding ways to get quick votes, cause publicity, get money, make the minority happy for member seats and false hope!

Australia is going down a very very dangerous path! Where the world would look back and say "Oh remember Sydney, they were once a country i wanted to visit".

PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR VOTERS, THE WOMAN AND MEN THAT YOU SERVE FOR.

YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ELECTED OUT OF YOUR OWN INTERESTS, BUT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. DO NOT ABUSE YOUR POWER!

Kind regards,

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