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# Sydney Lock Out Laws

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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to provide input to the review of the lock out laws in Sydney.

The current lock out laws have killed the city nightlife and late night culture. There are many reasons that I and others want to be out late at night, including watching overseas sporting events and finishing up at work late. It is not just to stay out drinking till 6am as suggested by the NSW Premier; which, incidentally, I can still do at the Casino should I wish. To tell someone that if they go out for dinner at 8pm and on the way home they cannot buy a bottle of red wine to share with friends is treating every person as though they cannot be trusted to buy bottle of wine without killing another person at 9.30pm or 10pm.

If this were truly an attempt to change attitudes then it would have made sense to also include The Star Casino which has shown an increase in violence; if these bad laws are believed to be working, then it would make sense to also include the casinos under the same set of laws.

These laws are bad for Sydney's economy, bad for Sydney's culture and bad for Sydney's image as an international destination.

Whilst everyone should agree that the events which results in these laws were tragic, it is inherently undemocratic to allow the actions of a small number of idiots to shape the laws that govern the many.

Please listen to the voices of those affected directly by these laws and scrap them.

Yours etc.

Simon Breen.