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# Lockout Laws


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Sydney lock-out laws have turned my suburb  into a ghost town. It's a lot less safe to walk around at night - before the laws were put in place, I was confident to walk around the city. Now, I can't, because there's no one around to offer help. Part-time employment is horrendous to find, since all the employees of the businesses that have closed are searching too.

Other countries have safe and active nightlife in the cities - I do not feel that shutting down the city helps the cause. It's a bandaid over a bullet wound - the bullet wound being drinking culture itself. If Sydney wants to be an international city, we need to hold ourselves to international standards. And that should not include government mandated 'bedtimes' for the young adult population.

Frankly, the fact that the Star and Bangaroo are excluded from the lock-out zone makes the legislation look like it was bought and paid for.