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# Liquor Law Review Submission

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To whom it may concern,

Please consider my submission for the Liquor Law Review.

I understand these laws are aiming to reduce alcohol fuelled violence which is a valid concern, but they actually punish all for the idiotic behaviour of a few.

They sweep the violence under the carpet or more correctly to other suburbs, decimate local businesses (except the casinos which miraculously fall outside the zone whilst having the highest reported number of violent attacks) and make our once international city look like a boring, uptight country town. Not exactly the kind of place most people would chose to spend their tourist dollars and not a place that locals recognise as their once active and vibrant 24hr hometown.

Instead of looking to country towns like Newcastle as an example to follow we should be aiming higher. Melbourne did away with lock outs and has found a way to have a safe and thriving night time economy. If Melbourne can manage this so can Sydney.

With additional training of bar staff, extra and all night public transport options as well as focused and visible policing of trouble spots we could reduce the amount of violence on our streets. Our younger generations need to be taught that violent behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. These options should at least be trialled before restrictions and blanket bans were put in place.

As I'm now in my mid 30s I don't often stay out past these restrictions but I believe it isn't right to penalise people who have done nothing wrong. I think it's unfair to paint people who stay out late as trouble makers when the vast majority of these people are law abiding citizens. Just because the state government can't understand staying up past midnight doesn't mean others should not be able to make decisions for themselves. I think it's absolutely ridiculous that as a responsible adult I can't buy a bottle of wine after 10pm.

I would like to see the people who commit these violent acts be held responsible for their actions, and these overly oppressive laws that unfairly restrict the rest of us be overturned.

How do you expect people to behave like adults when the state government insists on treating us like a bunch of naughty children?

Yours sincerely,  
Amy Burrows

Sent from my iPhone