

Please Remove the Lockout Laws

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The lockout laws have affected our business in a huge way. The night life of Sydney is dying, there are less parties and events, promoters are making less money and finding it harder and harder to sell tickets as people do not want to go to a venue that can only sell alcohol until 3am (and generally also closes at 3am).

Most venues outside of the lockout area are not able to stay open all night or have difficulty with noise complaints so there are very few venue options for dance parties.

Promoting events is often no longer financially viable and one of the first costs that a promoter will cut will be production costs, i.e sound and lighting.

This means that many events in Sydney no longer have world class production and people are instead using cheap equipment and giving a cheap experience. This leads to less people attending events and is a catch 22 situation that the lockouts have created.

We are mostly involved in the underground dance music community. This is a scene where party goers are going to events to see particular acts and because they enjoy the music. There are rarely issues with violence and there is a huge amount of love that individuals show to one another. This is a very different situation to many other events where people are going out specifically to get drunk and let loose. I believe venues should be looked at individually, those with reoccurring issues with violence and anti-social behaviour should receive restrictions while those with a safe history should be spared.

Please remove the lock-out laws.

Kind Regards,
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