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Lockout review

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As both a relatively young person and also an inner city resident, I am vehemently opposed to the lockouts.

I used to feel safe walking home in the city and now feel unsafe with how empty and dark it is.

Not only the safety factor, but I feel like at nearly 30 years old, I should be well within my rights to choose when and where I go to socialise with my friends. I find it incomprehensible that once such a vibrant and amazing city, to see what Sydney's nightlife has been reduced to.

It's totally unfair to think that everyone works the standard hours of 9 to 5. What about the people trying to earn a living while studying, or who's careers are imbedded in bars, clubs and similar venues.

I'm truly embarrassed now when I have friends come from overseas and they ask what's good to do at night here now. Because, well, there's nothing. Unless they want to gamble (which 100% of them do not).

I feel so sorry for any young people growing up in Sydney now for what they are missing. I met my husband out one night late in Sydney which if it were 2016, would never have happened. I would have been forced home hours before. Or just chosen to not even go out which is what I do most of the time due to lack of choice.

These lockouts have killed Sydney's nightlife, I hope that it is not beyond repair but now is the time to review these lockouts and remove them. They do more harm than good in every imaginable way.

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