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Liquor Law Review

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Dear Review Staff,

I have only just been made aware of your inquiry into the effects and future planning of your liquor lock out laws. It is somewhat of a surprise that the Review was not directly letter dropped into the residential areas most affected by the changes to date particularly given our correspondence with the Lord Mayor and meetings with the Sydney City LAC Police on these matters.

I have lived at [REDACTED] for over 15 years now. In the beginning there 2-3x nights a year during which the district became rowdy and crowds of exuberant fans would create a noise disturbance, at the time of soccer, AFL, State football finals. This contrasts with the last few years since the Pyrmont Bridge Hotel has obtained permission for regular live music (Sat & Sun pm) and, more recently, since the implementation of CBD Liquor Lockout laws. The latter have had an direct detrimental affect upon the ambience, safety and frequency of anti-social behaviour in our residential area. Whereas noise disturbances were only a few times a year, it has now escalated such that noise disturbances, traffic grid lock and constantly honking horns, shouting and loud, swearing, vomiting & urinating in our building doorways, , rats & Ibis feeding off over flowing rubbish bins is now occurring virtually every Friday, Saturday & Sunday night/Monday morning. We now hear multiple Police and Ambulance sirens every weekend and see the Riot Squad vans attending regularly. All residents in our building have complained that their sleep is regularly disturbed (see photos). We have to now shut ourselves in and close all windows & doors and have installed additional glass sound proofing but even this does not prevent the noise disturbances interfering with our simple watching of TV.

Further, by way of example of the seriousness of injuries and assaults, Sydney City detectives have on 2x occasions this year alone used CCTV recordings from our building surveillance system as evidence in serious assault cases progressing to prosecutions.

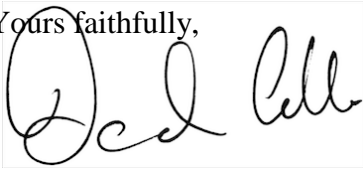
Whilst I fully support the Lock Out Laws, it is clear that limiting these to the Cross and CBD only translocates the problems, creating new foci of residential disturbance and anti-social behaviour/s.

The experience and data of St Vincent's Hospital E.D. shows an obvious a tremendous reduction in the number of alcohol related incidents and the benefits of the new Liquor Laws as they relate to the Cross and CBD Sydney, not to mention the costs savings both to the community and individuals.

I would argue and recommend that the Liquor Lock Out Laws must be extended throughout metropolitan Sydney and at least all 24 hour licenced venues.

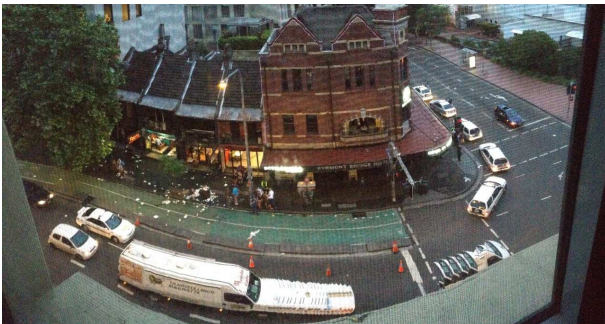
I trust you will consider this information helpful and I am also willing to meet with you or offer any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,

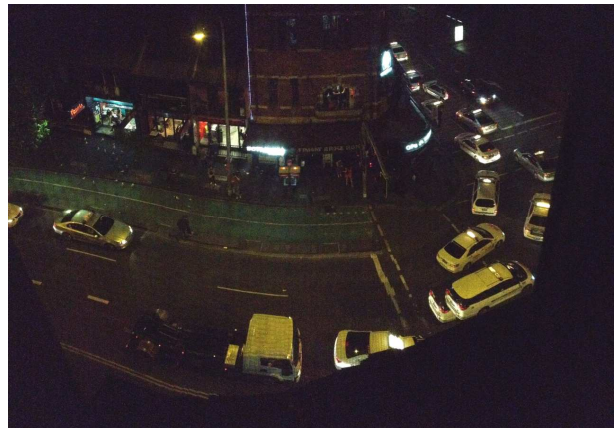


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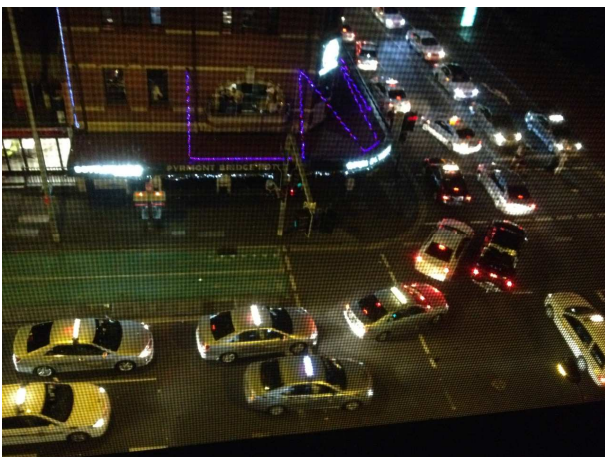
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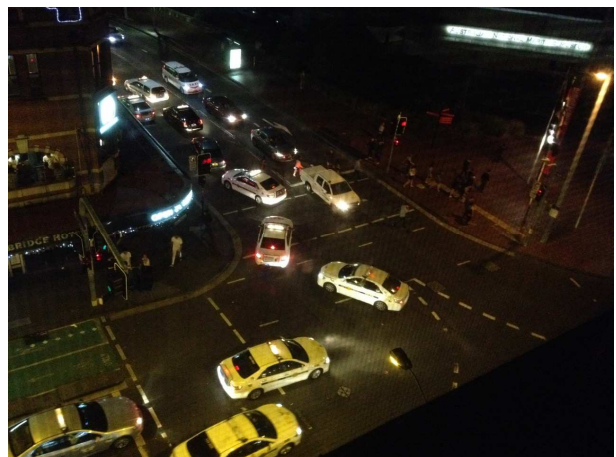
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