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# NO LOCKOUTS

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Good afternoon,

I left Australia to travel around South America just before the lockout laws came into effect and arrived home eager to re-connect with my friends and loved ones.

Before I left I lived in Darlinghurst, a suburb as you may know is renowned for it's nightlife. Since being back for 6 months I have not once been invited to Kings Cross to join friends for celebration. And only once or twice been out socialising on Oxford St. Both precincts that used to attract many of my friends.

What I have noticed is that people however have not stopped partying. Whether or not the government knows about it "illegal" parties are the norm now, is that what you really want?

Overseas I'd brag to my travelling companions that Australia has all the rugged beauty of the places we were in but didn't have to worry about the crime, pollution or socio-economic struggles of the places we were visiting. But now that i'm back i'm realising that all of those things are coming at the price of our freedom as citizens. And that truly is a shame as we're not as "laid back" as we want to believe.

Last week I was tossing a frisbee in the street with a friend and had multiple people warn me that what I was doing was really dangerous and if the cops showed up I would probably get a fine. These fear tactics are absolute rubbish, people should not fear the police for throwing a frisbee, regardless of whether they would fine me or not.

As for the lockout laws and one punch incidents. Leave us alone to make decisions for ourselves as adults. You're killing our city.

As Matt Barrie put it "Joseph Goebbels himself would have struggled to use the one punch rubbish in the media more manipulatively as propaganda to push an agenda"

And one more thing which is bleedingly obvious to pretty much everyone. The Star and Barangaroo have been conveniently left out of the lockout zones. This is bullshit and we all know that someone up there is pulling strings so that night life gets funnelled through the casino. We don't want to socialise at a bloody casino. I hate the casino and it's an outrage that your basically discouraging drinking and encouraging gambling. Wake up, your killing an amazing city.

If my words sound brash that's because they are. No one I personally know from any generation supports what

has been done. Considering that this is a democracy I think that that is pretty discouraging.

Sincerely  
Joel Cacciotti