

Opinion on lockout laws

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

I wish to register my feedback regarding the 1.30am lockout laws in Sydney.

I am a mother of two young adults in their 20s, who like to go out and enjoy Sydney's nightlife. My biggest concern is for their safety when they have been locked out of venues and stranded in the city because there is no adequate public transport to support the 1.30am curfew.

In the last 5 years, my son has been assaulted 3 times in Sydney:

- On a public bus by a group of older passengers at 10pm on a Saturday night
- In the street in Manly, nowhere near a licensed venue, at 11pm
- Outside a venue in George St, after he had been locked out and stranded from the others he was out with. On this occasion he had a knife pulled on him by a gang of young 'gypsy' children

The lock out laws currently in place did not prevent these incidents from happening.

I believe that the current laws in place-1.30am lock out, 3am last drinks, 10pm take away liquor restrictions all have contributed to a decline in the quality of nightlife in Sydney, and do not work to prevent random one-punch attacks from occurring. Our city needs to follow the examples set by other global cities such as New York, Amsterdam and Melbourne.

Better policing, 24 hour public transport solutions to get people home, focus on stopping drugs such as ice, and responsible service of alcohol are required as better solutions.

Regards
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