

# Review of Lockout Laws

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a long-term resident of Kings Cross and am writing to ask you to repeal these heavy-handed, nannyish licensing laws that were imposed on the community two years ago. I have watched with great sadness as my neighbourhood has declined, businesses closed and good people put of work. I also no longer feel as safe on the streets at night due to the vastly reduced number of people out and about in my local area. Not to mention how frustrated I feel when I occasionally wish to go out late at night and am prevented from doing so by the heavy hand of the state.

It is completely outrageous that a vocal minority of people who probably never visit the city late at night are able to persuade the government to implement a system of collective punishment (aka the lock out laws) for residents and visitors alike. Yes, there was a low (and decreasing) level of street violence in Sydney before the lock-out laws were introduced but some small level of risk is inherent in all cities and attempting to remove all risk from every situation is not healthy and nor is it the correct approach.

If you honestly care about the future of Sydney as a world-class city then please annul these draconian measures and restore our previous rights and freedoms to the good people of Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

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