

NSW Lockout- An Alternative

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing today as a concerned Potts Point local resident.

The fact is, the current laws would not and have not saved any lives. The streets are now more unsafe then ever, I walk home late at night and the only people out on the streets are drug abusers. The streets are dark, dingy and there is no one there to help if you need it. The other side of it that is also making it very unsafe, everyone that has been drinking is pushed out of the clubs at the same time with no way to get home due to trains not running at that hour and taxi change over time.

Shops, bars, restaurants are closing monthly and the tourists are gone, needless to say- Its pretty grim in Kings Cross.

If the lockouts are there to protect the people, If it is for safety how come the casino is not included? It is the most violent venue in SYDNEY.

I believe there are better ways to tackle the problem.

Firstly, all licensed venues in the CBD should have ID scanners.

Secondly, we need to make the people that are causing the problem to be accountable for their actions. The current lockout laws are just not working.

Implement a 3 strike system that is connected to individuals ID cards. If you get asked to leave a venue due to violent or aggressive behaviour, you receive 1 strike against your ID and a 1 month ban from all licensed CBD

If you get caught a 2nd time, 3-6 month ban from all licensed CBD venues.

3rd time, 1 year ban from all CBD venues.

This takes away their rights to enjoy a city that they are happy to destroy and leave the wonderful people we do have in this city enjoy their once spectacular city we call home- SYDNEY, we can welcome tourists again and they will tell their friends how amazing this city is.

Lets #keepsydneyopen

I thank you in advance for considering this alternative and taking the time to read our opinions.

Regards,
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