

## To whom it may concern

I am a resident of darlinghurst, and have lived in this area for 15 years. Kings cross used to be an area with music, great characters and a great many businesses.

While I appreciate the shocking deaths that occurred, the fact that one of these occurred at 9pm suggests that the lockout laws would not have prevented this.

The lockout laws have changed the vibrancy of kings cross, with many businesses closing. My own feeling is that big business or developers may have a hand, as many properties are being sold for units.

I think there is a drinking problem in Australia, but closing down an area which has been renowned for its night life, will not change that. This is the reason why I believe it was an excuse for the big end of town to develop the area and in the process ruining many people's livelihood and Sydney's nightlife.

Australia's drinking culture is societal and lockout laws won't change that.

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