

# Lockout laws review submission

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Good afternoon

I am emailing regarding the lockout laws currently in place in Sydney and to register my opposition to what I believe is changing the fabric of our wonderful city, it's night time economy and standing as an international city.

I believe these laws are an overreaction to a bigger issue and have contributed nothing to curbing the behaviour of those people who are violent. Violent people are violent when intoxicated and closing parts of the city down or not letting patrons into a venue after a certain time is not the answer. More police on the streets, 24 hour public transport on the weekend and perhaps fining or indeed closing down certain establishments that are repeat offenders for such problems would be a good start. Staggered closing times are a far better option that the laws currently in place.

Whilst Kings Cross may have benefited from a bit of clean-up of some of the dodgier venues, we now find out city has more and more bars, clubs, restaurants and pubs closing than ever along with any related small businesses that benefited from the late night trade it provided. It appears our city is being sold off to property developers.

Having lived in Sydney for most of my 44 years and having enjoyed the nightlife, especially during the late 90's and 2000's I struggle to understand how our existing State Government think that the lockout laws are a solution. Other cities such as London and Melbourne are a perfect examples of good management and ideas.

The fact that Star City is exempt and no doubt the new casino as well shows our Government to be hypocritical in their justification for the lockout laws. Apparently a 24 hour gambling facility is perfect OK along with the other venues that have been given special exemptions.

Our city needs to be a place that those who live here and those domestic and international tourists can enjoy and that includes those who would like to go out to see live music, DJ's and generally socialise. Assuming everyone who wants to stay out till very late in the evening is a bad person who may be violent is short-sighted to say the least and if you consider the justification for doing so are two incidents that happened well before midnight, then this clearly highlights to me the fact that we have a Government that is not listening to those that live here.

Kind regards

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