

Submission

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

I'd like to make a submission to the review of the lockout laws.

I am a former Darlinghurst resident (left in Nov '14 and now live on the mid north coast). I return frequently for football and other events. I am shocked at how boring and quiet Kings Cross and Oxford Street have now become.

No one wants deaths. No one wants overt aggression on the streets. But there has to be a better way than shutting down the nightlife, which is what has happened under these laws. If other countries can do it so much better than Sydney then let's learn from them. It's embarrassing bringing visitors to Sydney for a night out.

Barry O'Farrell refused to do anything to improve policing or transport as all the pressure built in the lead-up to the death of Thomas Kelly. He was then forced into a kneejerk reaction when the pressure became too much. We are all suffering now as a result.

If you're serious about violence then increase policing (police are still like hen's teeth around Kings Cross when really the place should be crawling with them). If you're worried about alcohol-related violence then stop the advertising and event-sponsorship related to alcohol.

Make our cities safer. Don't destroy nightlife in the meantime. You've made Sydney boring.

Regards Brendan Crotty

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