

Lock out laws

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

Hello - I am a 52 year old Managing Director of a multinational tech company (not some party kid) and I feel compelled to speak out regarding these draconian, backwards lock-out laws. Sydney's calling card is sun and fun; a reputation as an exciting place. It is now dead due to this ridiculous set of laws.

Your argument is a false one regarding safety. Of course a city is safer if nobody goes out. And the numbers do not back up your argument. Most reports say crime in the cross is down upwards of 40% (a good thing). however, traffic is down 85% (not very efficient). If the only goal of a city is to have no crime the goal should be to reduce the foot traffic to 0% through curfews for all past say 7.00 pm. My guess is you think that is ludicrous; and it is. Just like the lock out laws.

It seems that this government believes that Sydneysiders are inherently bad people and need to be governed as such. If that is not the case please explain why Sydney needs these laws whilst other world cities (Paris, New York, London and Melbourne to name a few) do not require this lowest common denominator approach to governing.

No letter to you could be complete without making the point of the blatantly obvious hypocrisy of the casinos being exempt. The damage that gambling causes Australians day in day out is morally indefensible. So either Mike Baird is immoral, corrupt or just a dupe. (my guess is a bit of all three).

Embarrassed by my government,
Mike Daly